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## Metro Line may pick up soon

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

**Official: City making  
progress even if  
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**Ryan  
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Metro | Edmonton

The long-plagued Metro LRT line may finally start to get up to speed in mid-May.

Adam Laughlin, general manager of the integrated infrastructure services department, told councillors that an independent audit of the signalling system was going well and had only found one small problem.

A problem with the signalling system had the city running trains on a line-of-sight operation, forcing them to run at half speed.

Laughlin cautioned a completed audit would not mean the city could speed up the trains right away, but the city was already doing some testing to make it easier.

"It doesn't happen automatically, so what we are doing recently is we have been doing some testing in anticipation," he said. "It's not an audit and then flip the switch — it does take some time."

Laughlin said the city has been making progress on this issue even if the public can't see it.

"It's not like a road project or a building project, where you can see it happening because it's all system based. It's all computer networks."

If things go well, the city will be able to increase the line from 15-minute service to 10-minute service on the line between Churchill and NAIT stations.

It won't speed up the trains on the section of the line between Churchill and Health Sciences station, and the city doesn't have a timeline for that.

The line was originally supposed to go into full operation in April 2014, and Mayor Don Iveson said council is frustrated to still be waiting, but frustration won't get the trains moving.

"We absolutely share that (frustration), but our job at this point is to try and get it working," Iveson said.

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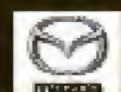
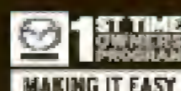
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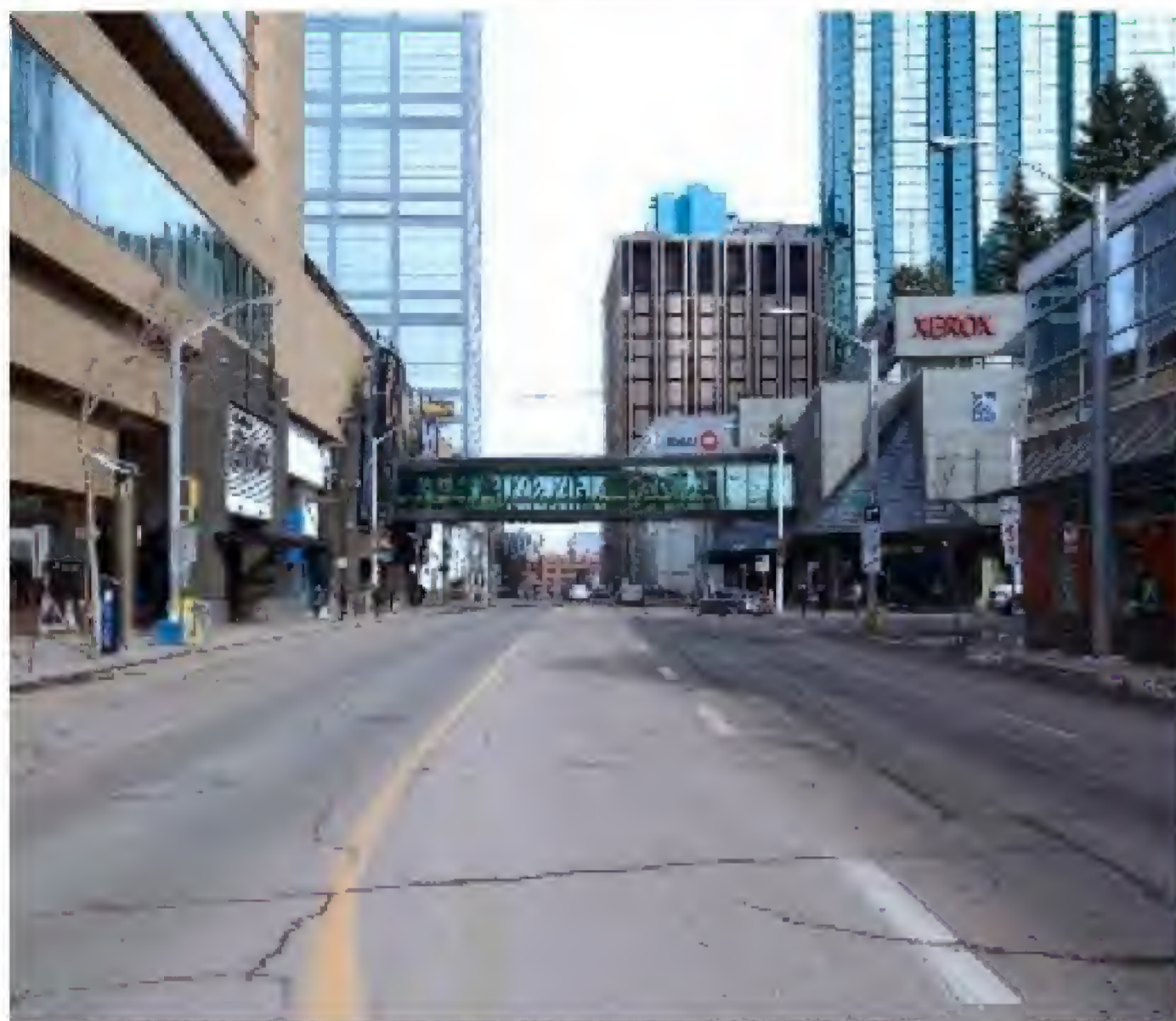
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**Left:** A street in downtown Edmonton, Alberta. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO **Right:** A street in fictional downtown Edmonton, Arbrau. CONTRIBUTED

# Edmonton smashed by robots

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Fictional copy of city appears in Gundam anime series



**Alex Boyd**  
Metro | Edmonton

One of the longest-running anime series has picked a pretty familiar location for its latest giant-robot showdown.

The latest episode of Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans features an epic battle in the capital of a fictional territory called Arbrau, in a city called ... Edmonton.

This is no coincidence.

The opening scene shows an empty city centre, locked down

for the upcoming Arbrau elections. But a sharp-eyed anime site called Nopy's Blog noticed that City Centre Mall and the Don Wheaton YMCA are both clearly visible.

Later shots feature the river valley and Jasper Avenue.

"It's pretty neat that they picked our city," said Andrea Brown with Happy Harbour Comics. "They might have made us even look better than we are

at the moment; everything's pretty green."

Brandon Schatz, co-owner of Variant Edition Comics and Culture, says the Gundam series, which has been on the air in some form since 1979, is "one of the biggest animes out there right now."

Small details about Edmonton have been changed — Scotiabank becomes Bankbank and Central Social Hall is now Cen-

tral Shopping Mall — but there's no mistaking it.

As to be expected when you've got giant robots doing battle, the city doesn't fare too well.

There's an explosion in front of a building that looks awfully like the headquarters of Stantec, and a giant robot does a good job smashing up the intersection of Jasper Avenue and 109th Street.

Still, fans consider it an honour.

"In popular fiction when they're choosing a place to destroy, they're looking for something iconic, or at the very least a place that people recognize," Schatz said. "That's why you get New York destroyed all the time, or Washington or monuments.

"It says something about Edmonton, that we've been chosen to be wrecked."



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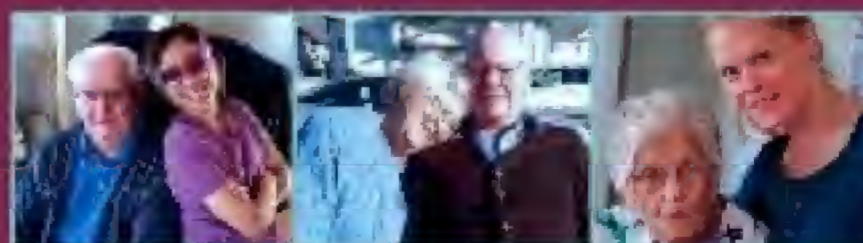
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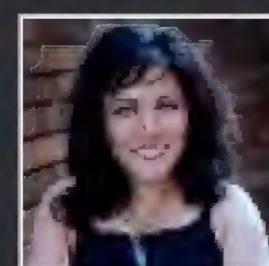
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# City left out of EI changes

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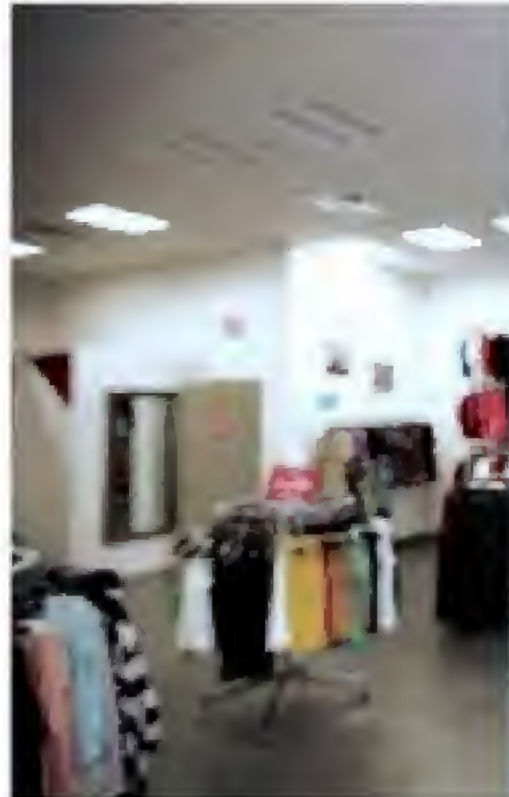


**Sanam Islam**  
Metro | Edmonton

Following the Liberal government's decision Tuesday to exclude Edmonton from extended employment insurance benefits, it's not just city officials who are unhappy.

Former oil and gas consultant Chris (he doesn't want his full name used), says the extra five weeks of EI payments the government has promised other cities, such as Calgary, would be helpful.

"Right now, the EI amount I receive is just enough for me to get by. Having an extra five weeks would prevent me from dipping into my savings," said Chris, who moved back to Edmonton to live with his parents after being laid off in Calgary



Jobs have been hard to come by in Edmonton these last few months, but the city wasn't included in new EI changes. METRO FILE

last May. "Ten to 15 of my engineering friends have been laid off. There's so many of us affected, that I think it's justified for Edmonton to be included."

As part of the 2016 budget, workers in 12 economically hard-hit Canadian jurisdictions, including most of Al-

berta, are eligible to receive EI benefits for up to a maximum of 50 weeks — rather than 45 — starting July. Long-tenured workers can claim up to an extra 20 weeks.

In order to qualify, the federal government required that a region's unemployment rate increase by two percentage

points from its lowest point between March 2014 to February 2015, to its highest between the same period the following year, said Edmonton's chief economist John Rose. Edmonton's increased by only 1.8 per cent — just under the qualifying percentage — to 6.5 per cent.

"The question we're asking

**There's so many of us affected ... it's justified for Edmonton to be included.**

Chris, laid-off worker

the federal government is, if two percentage points is the rule, how often are you going to revisit this?" Rose said.

"With unemployment going up, I would anticipate that we're going to meet the two-percentage point criteria in the next couple of months ... will we then be allowed to claim these supplemental benefits?"

While the impact of the exclusion won't be felt immediately, he said there will be negative consequences down the line.

"The real issue is that when people exhaust their benefits and their income drops to zero, then you'll see a slight increase in defaults in mortgages and car loans, and people will no longer be able to afford consumer goods, which affects the economy."

POLICE

## Two found dead

Edmonton Police are investigating after two people were found dead in a southwest neighbourhood. Police were called to the home near 49 Avenue and 213 Street, at around 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

After patrol officers arrived at the scene they immediately called in homicide detectives.

Police have not yet positively identified either individual and are making effort to contact family members. An autopsy has not yet been scheduled.

Anyone who has recently attended the area or who may have seen something suspicious is being asked to contact police.

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Architects open up new studio in Romania



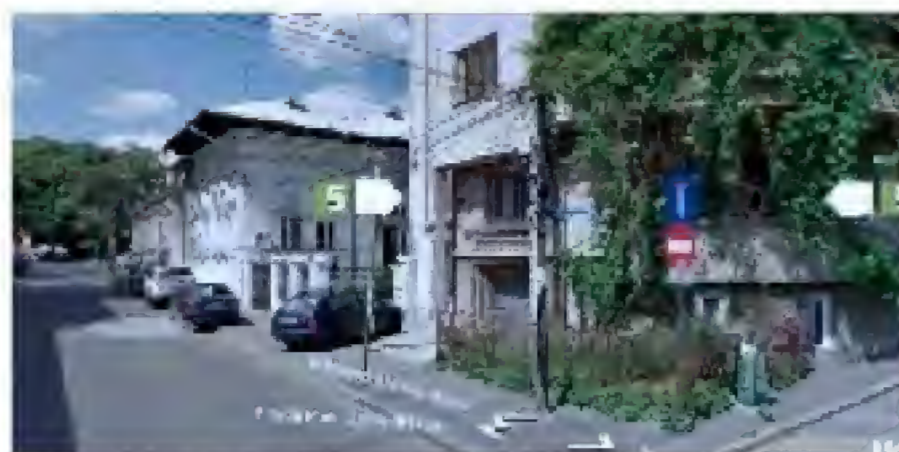
**Alex Boyd**  
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Canada has traditionally looked to Europe on matters of design, but an Edmonton architecture firm is hoping to flip the script and start "exporting Edmontonness" with the opening of a new studio in Romania.

On Thursday, Latitudine 53 by Manasc Isaac opens in a renovated apartment building in Bucharest.

"We think that a lot of the design challenges that we've learned to solve here in Edmonton over the years, Bucharest has the same challenges," said Kent McKay with Manasc Isaac, the Edmonton-based firm behind the Mosaic Centre, among other things.

With a population just shy



The building to be renovated in Bucharest. SUPPLIED

of two million people, Bucharest is the largest city in Romania, and also it's economic centre. Although once known for its architecture, many historic buildings were destroyed over the last century by war or replaced by urban planning schemes carried out by Nicolae Ceausescu's communist regime.

McKay said that the issue of dealing with aging buildings, and concrete bunkers left over from an earlier era is one familiar to Edmonton architects.

"Also, a lot of the same

energy and vibrancy that the younger demographic in Edmonton is creating to revitalize our core, and create something — that same energy seem to exist in Bucharest."

The scheme came about after two Romanian architects moved to Edmonton after Vivian Manasc presented at their university.

Ana-Dora Matei and Alecsandru Vasiliu spent a couple of years working for the firm here in Edmonton, and are now returning to Romania to open up the new office.

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The mayor said Edmonton could use the funding for a variety of purposes including repair of some of the city's older stations. METRO FILE

## Iveson excited by new LRT funding

### TRANSIT

**City hall will have to find a way to match federal pledge**



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

Mayor Don Iveson said the new transit funding the federal government announced Tuesday could help move many different projects ahead.

The Liberals announced \$3.4 billion over the next two years for transit, which will be allo-

cated in proportion to a city's share of national transit ridership. Edmonton is still checking the numbers, but early estimates indicate it will mean \$135 million to \$150 million for the city.

Iveson said the money could be used to design the next section of the LRT, to rehabilitate stations on the existing line or to small extensions of the LRT system, such as onto the Blatchford lands.

"Council will have to determine what we do with the new transit funding, but we have options we didn't have before," he said.

Unlike previous federal contributions to transit, these investments can pay up to 50 per

cent of transit projects and can be used for design of future projects or rehabilitation of new ones.

Iveson said the city should be able to find the funds to match the new dollars, but they are also hoping the Alberta government will bring more to the table.

"I will be looking to the province to signal they are also prepared to step up," he said. "Hopefully, the city won't have to come up with too much."

He said he and other mayors across the country believe provinces should ramp up their spending, but overall this is a good situation for the city.

"It's a good problem to have to have money to spend."

### POLITICS

## Tory MP Jim Hillyer dead at 41

MPs of all political stripes consoled and comforted one another on Parliament Hill on Wednesday after learning of the sudden death of Alberta Conservative MP Jim Hillyer.

News of the tragedy spread as Hillyer's fellow Tories gathered for their weekly caucus meeting.

Many expressed shock, noting they had seen him out Tuesday night after the federal budget. As they left the Hill, several were met with hugs and handshakes from Liberal MPs.

The House of Commons, where a heated post-budget question period had been anticipated, was instead expected to adjourn early, although there

was talk of party leaders paying tribute.

Interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose said she was deeply saddened.

"Jim was a valued and hard-working member of the Conservative team, and a passionate advocate for those he represented," she said in a statement.

"More than that, he was a dedicated husband and father and a man of strong faith and conviction. I pray that his and his family's faith will help them through this very difficult time."

Former prime minister Stephen Harper offered his condolences on Twitter.

"Lauren and I were shocked and saddened to learn of Jim

Hillyer's passing," he wrote.

Speaker Geoff Regan also expressed sadness.

"Jim was a respected member of the parliamentary community and he will be greatly missed by his colleagues in the House," Regan said.

"I would like to extend my condolences to his wife Livi and his children, as well as to his family and friends."

Other MPs and cabinet ministers posted similar tributes.

Hillyer was first elected to the House of Commons in 2011 in the Lethbridge riding and was re-elected last fall in the new riding of Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner.

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# 5 QUESTIONS COMING OUT OF THE CALGARY GREENWAY BYELECTION

With PC candidate Prab Gill's win in the Calgary Greenway byelection, you may have some questions about Alberta's political state of affairs. We've asked three experts to share their thoughts on hot-button topics.

**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

## 1 Are the PCs back?



Not really, according to political experts. It's like they won a hockey match, not the series, according to **Mount Royal University political scientist Duane Bratt**. Still, he adds, it was a needed win to boost morale. **Political strategist Stephen Carter** agrees: He says the party won, but not by much. "They certainly didn't strengthen their position," he says,

referring to Gill's lower share of the votes compared to former PC MLA **Manmeet Bhullar's** during the 2015 general election. "Had they lost, it would've been really bad," he says. "But this was definitely not a landslide win." **University of Calgary political scientist Melanee Thomas** agrees — she says the PC's aren't back, but they're not gone.



## 2 Is Unite the Right dead?

Bratt thinks the movement received a blow, not the knockout. Carter thinks the movement is dead. He says there aren't many right-wingers in Alberta, and the Wildrose doesn't get that. Bratt thinks there are other ridings that may need the two parties to merge so conservatives win. Thomas says the movement is now a shot in the dark — although some members may want it, the conservative parties appear at odds with each other in the legislature.



## 3 Is this trouble for the NDP?

All politicians say no — it's just a byelection, and the NDP is still the government. Bratt thinks the party will take a harder hit when it releases a red-ink budget in April, forecasted to feature a \$10 billion deficit.

Carter says it's a bad result for the NDP, but adds it's too early to say if this means Calgary is no longer a fan of orange Kool-Aid.

He says governments aren't usually strong during their first year in office, when weighty policies are introduced.

Thomas says the vote count shows there was very little daylight between the PCs, Wildrose, NDP and Liberals. "They were not great, but not bad," she says.



## 4 What about Liberal gains?

All pundits thought the Liberals made great gains but it's still **David Swann** sitting alone in the house. Carter says the Liberals' strength came from **Karbani's** base of supporters in **Taradale**, where he sits as the association's president. An endorsement from **Calgary Skyview MP Darshan Kang** certainly helped, he adds. Thomas thinks **Trudeaumania** lingers in the riding, so that's why **Karbani** managed to squeak ahead of the NDP and slightly behind the Wildrose. Bratt says **Federal Liberal allegiance** and **Karbani's** resumé helped.



## 5 Did we see a 'Bhullar Effect'?

Carter says Gill managed to take a smidgen of **Bhullar's** legacy, but is nowhere near as popular. Bratt says the PCs may have garnered up to 200 votes due to **Bhullar's** legacy, but it was just a small win. Thomas thinks **Bhullar** had little to do with Gill's win — that's why the four candidates were so close. During the 2015 general, she says people voted for **Bhullar** for who he was, not necessarily for the Tories. Plus, the constituents' love for a particular candidate doesn't mean voters will devote themselves to the party brand, Thomas adds.

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# Career program expands

## EDUCATION

### Job-focused pilot offered to students from Grades 5-9



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

More Alberta students will be able to dabble in theatrical makeup, robotics, computer programming and the trades, as the province moves to expand the career and technology foundations program.

Currently a pilot, the program is offered to students in Grades 5 to 9 in a handful of school jurisdictions, but Education Minister David Eggen said it's time for it to expand.

"It's been an evolution years in the making and this is a chance for career and technology foundations to bust out across the province," he said.

The program is an offshoot



**Elwood Willier, 14** demonstrates his work to Education Minister David Eggen at Westmount Junior High School. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

of the Career and Technology Studies program available in high schools, but is designed

for younger students.

It is currently offered at Westmount Junior High

School. Staff report it has led to increased enrollment and better attendance since

**“It's been an evolution years in the making.”**

David Eggen

it was introduced.

Eggen said it just enhances students' current education.

"Our focus on basic literacy and numeracy is intact and enhanced by these pursuits."

Edmonton Public School Board chair Michael Janz said it's great to be able to offer the program more widely.

"Parents are asking for more choices and more options and we know that's increasing student engagement," he said. "We hear from our schools that kids are really benefitting and requesting and desiring this program."

School boards will not be getting additional money to offer the program, but Janz said that's not necessary to make it successful.

"It's not necessarily a funding issue, it is how we direct our resources."

## SYRIAN REFUGEES

### Eggen not seeking new funds

The province wants to clarify the number of Syrian refugee children in Alberta schools, but Education Minister David Eggen said he isn't planning to demand more funding from Ottawa.

The school boards currently estimate that there are about 1,100 refugee children currently attending school in the province. Eggen said that's not an abnormal influx for Alberta schools.

"I think that 1,100 is within the normal range we deal with every year," he said.

Eggen said issues like housing are likely to be a larger cost for the province than extra children in the classroom.

The Edmonton Public School Board passed a motion earlier this month asking for \$2 million from the federal government.

Board chair Michael Janz said he understands the minister's point, but they just want to make sure the federal government understands the impact.

"It's an additional 500 very high-need students who require additional language supports, mental health supports, cultural supports." RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



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# Leadership conference to focus on the inner city

## SCHOOLS

**Organizers aim to include students who often miss out**



**Alex Boyd**  
Metro | Edmonton

A new leadership conference for students from Edmonton's inner city hopes to bring in students who are often left out.

Event co-organizer Dan Scratch, a social studies teacher at Inner City High School, speaks of the intelligence and resiliency of his students, but says they often don't get these types of opportunities, which is why he's hosting the conference on May 11.

"We're often disconnected from what the major schools are doing, so we wanted to create an event that was solely for inner-city youth," Scratch said.

He partnered with Naim Cardinal, the First Nations, Metis and Inuit liaison worker at Centre High, to create the Indigenous Youth Conference, which they hope will become an annual event.

Cardinal says the one-day conference will focus on indigenous style leadership, but is open to 50 student leaders of any background from Centre High, Inner City High School,

Boyle Street Education Centre and Amiskwaciy Academy, among others.

"We follow indigenous ways of knowing when we run many of our programs [at Centre High] and that approach isn't always taken when having these kind of events," Cardinal said.

"Having people on site who have different ways of knowing is really important for students to learn."

To that end, the conference already has a full line up of speakers, including writer and artist Aaron Paquette and Charlene Bearhead, education lead at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Cardinal said he hopes that the event will help students come away with a positive self-identity, together with leadership skills they can take back to school and into their careers.

Scratch adds that since many of the students are dealing with hard times or even homelessness, this conference is especially important.

"We really want to build a sense of community, and stress that they're important people and getting involved and being leaders is an important thing for youth to do."

Cardinal and Scratch currently have a gofundme campaign to raise \$2,500 for the remaining costs of logistics and programming for the conference.



**Having people who have different ways of knowing is really important for students.**

Naim Cardinal,  
liaison officer



Naim Cardinal is the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Liaison at Centre High. Cardinal is co-organizing a leadership conference in May for inner-city youth. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

## NEIGHBOURHOODS

# Speed always a hot issue



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

City council spent Wednesday hearing both praise and condemnation of traffic calming measures in several neighbourhoods, before ultimately leaving most of the changes in place.

Councillors reviewed the overall policy and measures in Ottewell, Newton, Crestwood, Ormsby Place and Prince Charles. While they'll remove some speed humps in Ottewell, all of the other measures will stay in place.

More than a dozen people spoke to council with both opinion and passion split between keeping measures like humps and digital feedback signs, and ripping them all out.

Mayor Don Iveson said the policy can be difficult for the city to resolve.

"Everyone hates speeding on their street and then will speed on everyone else's street," he said. "It's a fundamental conflict that the city has to mediate. The one thing we can conclude is that there is no real answer that pleases everybody," he said.

Thirty neighbourhoods are currently asking for traffic calming measures or changes to reduce short-cutting and the city will now consider a more robust process that will combine engineering with resident demand.

Currently, the city uses demand from residents through a petition process in deciding whether to attempt measures.

While many residents said the measures simply diverted short-cutting or made their neighbourhoods difficult to navigate, Kimberly Olson of the Prince Charles Community said in her community, "we have seen a significant reduction in the amount of cars coming through."

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Nakita Valerio and Dorit Kosmin are bringing Edmonton's Jewish and Muslim communities together with the Salam-Shalom Women's Conversation Circle, whose next meeting takes place at a synagogue. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

## Women's interfaith group forges bonds

COMMUNITY

**Members of  
two religions  
come together,  
discuss issues**



**Sanam  
Islam**  
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Since January, a group of Jewish and Muslim women have been breaking bread at local places of worship in an effort to get to know each other better.

"It seemed to me that there wasn't a lot of interaction between the Jewish and Muslim communities in Edmonton," said

Dorit Kosmin, the wife of a rabbi who started the Salam-Shalom Women's Conversation Circle.

But that has more to do with the small Jewish community — she estimates it numbers about 4,000 people — in Edmonton, rather than tensions, she said.

"There's this general idea that Muslims and Jews are enemies, which can be blamed on the geo-political situation around the world. But it's important to remember that we have come from places where Jews and Muslims lived peacefully together for so long, and there are more similarities than differences between us."

The conversation circle was formed when Kosmin — who has done interfaith work before — contacted Muslim activ-

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**The idea is for us to  
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friends.**

Nakita Valerio

ist Nakita Valerio upon reading her op-ed about the niqab in a local paper.

Since the first meeting, the women have shared their personal stories, discussed their beliefs and talked about veiling. They plan to tackle even more controversial topics — such as conversion, terrorism and Israel-Palestine — in the future.

"Part of the impetus for our group was to have difficult con-

versations. People have been really respectful so far... The idea is for us to get to know each other and become friends before we venture to have those conversations. You're much more likely to see each other's point of view," Valerio said.

During the meetings — the latest of which takes place this Saturday at the Beth Shalom Synagogue — the women have toured a synagogue and mosque, prayed together, and formed friendships, Valerio said.

"It's been really positive and powerful in a short amount of time. There were people who had actively vowed to never sit across the table from someone of the other faith who have had their minds changed by the group."

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## Nursing program ranked 4th worldwide

The nursing program at the University of Alberta has been ranked fourth in the world by the QS World University Rankings.

"There are thousands of nursing programs in the world, and to be considered one of the best is just amazing," Anita Molzahn, dean of nursing, said in a release. "We strive for ex-

cellence in all that we do, and external rankings like the QS help confirm that we are on the right path."

This year's QS rankings looked at the quality of 42 subjects at 200 universities, making it the largest release of its kind. This was the first time nursing programs were ranked.

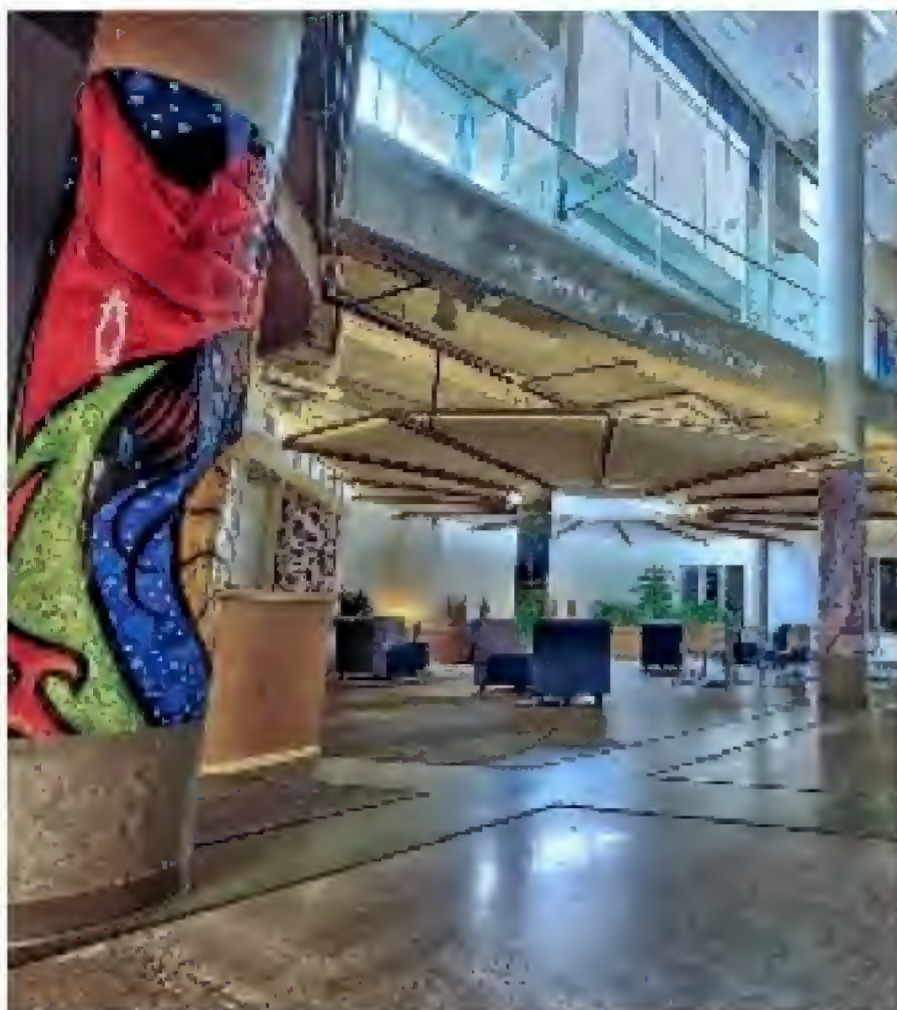
The university cracked the

top 50 in the world in pharmacy and pharmacology, education, archeology, mining engineering, and English language and literature.

Of the 945 institutions listed in the published range of results, only four Canadian universities rank among the top 10 universities in the world for their programs, with University

of Toronto taking the top Canadian school, followed closely by the University of Alberta, the University of British Columbia and University of Guelph.

The 2016 results draw on the opinions of 76,798 academics and 44,426 employers, alongside analysis of 28.5 million research papers and over 113 million citations. METRO STAFF

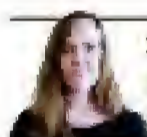


The entrance to Augustana's Wahkohtowin Lodge in the centre of the campus Forum building. CONTRIBUTED

# New space opens for students

## EDUCATION

### Lodge puts Indigenous issues at core of campus



**Samantha Power**  
For Metro | Edmonton

Augustana campus's new student space has opened with a vision of how space can serve the principles of reconciliation and de-colonialization.

The Wahkohtowin Lodge was chosen as the new Indigenous student space due to its centrality and connection to other parts of campus, and its natural gathering point for students.

"It's in a space where the rhythms of daily activity already bring students and staff together," said Allen Berger, dean of the Augustana Campus. "It says clearly aboriginal students and issues have a place on this campus."

The Lodge is the centre of the Forum building, which sits at the centre of the Augustana campus.

That centrality is important to achieving the goals of reconciliation, as it places a prominent Indigenous presence at the heart of the

Augustana campus.

The space was designed in consultation with elders in the community and Indigenous students. And the name was suggested by an elder during the consultation process.

"Wahkohtowin suggests an obligation to form relationships with other people and with the natural world," said Berger.

Pillars in the space feature artwork from local Indigenous artists, as well as Treaty 7 and 8 artists.

The space will host programming on Indigenous issues. And it will tie into both two academic certificates in reconciliation and de-colonialization, as well as a workshop program available to community members, both of which are in the works for the fall.

The University of Alberta's North campus has a similar space in process, which when finished will be called Maskwa House of Learning.



**It says clearly aboriginal students and issues have a place on this campus.**

Allen Berger

talk about **fresh solutions**

Coconut Cheerios Granola with Vanilla Yogurt



Makes 4 Servings

Prep Time: 5 minutes | Cook Time: 25 minutes

## Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 mL) old fashioned rolled oats
- ½ cup (125 mL) cashews, chopped
- 1 cup (250 mL) unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) Multigrain Cheerios Ancient Grains
- ¼ cup (60 mL) honey
- ¼ cup (60 mL) canola oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla extract
- 1 tsp (5 mL) almond extract
- ½ tsp (3 mL) kosher salt
- 1 container (650 g) Yoplait Source Vanilla Yogurt

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C).
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine oats, cashews, coconut and Cheerios.
3. Warm honey, oil, vanilla, almond extract, and salt in a small saucepan over medium heat until just simmering. Simmer for 5 minutes, watching carefully to not let it boil, then remove pan from the heat.
4. Pour honey mixture over oat mixture and stir well with a wooden spoon until dry ingredients are coated. Spread this mixture in a thin layer over a large baking sheet and bake for about 25 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes until the granola is well toasted. Once toasted, let granola cool on the baking sheet.
5. Portion yogurt into 4 bowls and top with granola. Serve with fresh fruit.

**Tip:** The granola will keep in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks, or in the refrigerator for up to a month.

**save on foods**

# Next-gen Goodalls could grow up here

## CONSERVATION

### Institute opens its first Western branch in town

An international conservation organization founded by chimpanzee expert Jane Goodall says it has chosen Edmonton as the site of its first Western Canada office.

JGI Canada says it will use the office as a hub to grow a school program about the need to protect the environment and understand the connection between people and animals.

"Our goal is to create a generation of Janes," Jen Duffy, a spokeswoman for the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada, said Wednesday.

"Chimps are still our main focus species, but if we are making the world a better place for chimps we are making it a better place for everyone."

JGI Canada says it already has more than 400 groups in its Roots & Shoots program across the country that involves local hands-on conservation projects.

Duffy said there are three schools in Alberta where teachers have been trained to deliver the program aimed at kindergarten to Grade 6 students.

The program promotes compassion, empathy, critical-thinking skills and awareness about environmental sustainability.

The plan is to train more teachers and expand the pro-



Chimpanzee specialist Jane Goodall smiles as she visits the Fauna Foundation in Carignan near Montreal in 1999. THE CANADIAN PRESS

gram into Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Duffy said Alberta was chosen because of the support JGI has received in the province. Westmount Charter School in Calgary was the first school in Canada to sign onto the program.

"It is not that we are coming here to fix things. People in Alberta have identified that they want to make a difference,"

Duffy said. "We are certainly not making a value judgment about Alberta. This is where people have been passionate about the work that we are doing."

In 1960, Goodall began doing research with wild chimpanzees in the forests of Tanzania. She later became an activist and speaks about how habitat loss is threatening animals.

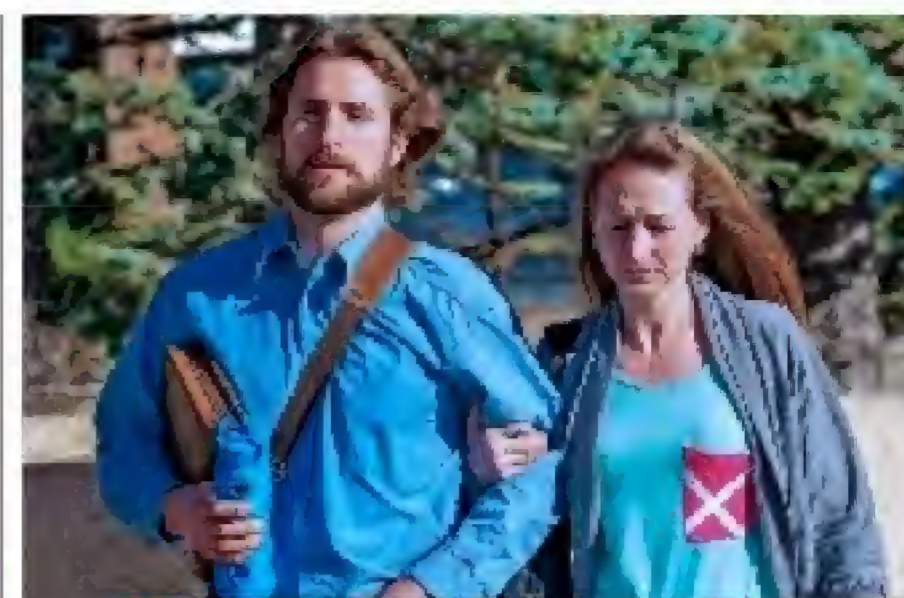
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**This is where people have been passionate about the work that we are doing.**

Jen Duffy

Jane Goodall Institute of Canada



David Stephan and his wife Collet Stephan arrive at court on March 10, in Lethbridge. DAVID ROSSITER/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

## TRIAL

### Pair thought son had flu: Lawyer

The lawyer for the parents charged in the death of their two-year-old son says they thought he had a cold or the flu.

The toddler's parents, David and Collet Stephan, formerly of Glenwood, Alta., are charged with failing to provide the necessities of life for 18-month-old Ezekiel.

Defence lawyer Shawn Buckley told the jury Wednesday that evidence will show the boy appeared to get better at times, right up until the night he stopped breathing and was rushed to hospital in March 2012.

The trial heard the boy was sick for 2 1/2 weeks and his parents gave him natural remedies and homemade smoothies containing hot pepper, ginger root, horseradish and onion.

After being taken to Cardston hospital, Ezekiel was rushed to a Calgary hospital, where he died a week later from bacterial meningitis and a lung infection.

The trial has been adjourned till April 11, and will continue at

least a week, and possibly longer.

Earlier Wednesday Dr. Jonathan James Gamble, a pediatrics specialist at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary, told court a runny nose, fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, and occasional back stiffness could all be indications of a cold or flu.

Those were the symptoms Ezekiel had in the two weeks leading up to his death.

Gamble also testified that symptoms such as difficulty swallowing and being so stiff a child could not sit in a car seat, should have led to medical intervention.

The jury has heard that a friend who was a nurse told the Stepans their boy might have viral meningitis and advised them to take him to a doctor.

The Stepans researched treatments online and picked up an echinacea mixture from a naturopath in Lethbridge. But Ezekiel was too stiff to sit in his car seat and had to lie on a mattress in the Stephan vehicle as they drove to Lethbridge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## FESTIVAL

## Downtown DeFrost kicks out winter

Downtown DeFrost will bring the outdoor vibe of summer to Churchill Square on Saturday.

The all-ages event is organized in connection with the Edmonton Winter City Strategy and will feature DJs throughout the day.

Festival organizers Andrew Williams and Avery Krammer lay out for Metro everything that's new for DeFrost's second year.

#### Why hold a winter music festival?

**Andrew:** We were inspired by Montreal's Igloo Fest and Calgary's Snowblower Fest and wanted to bring something similar to Edmonton.

**Avery:** Downtown Edmonton in the dark with all the lights just looks amazing and creates a great vibe.

#### What can people expect on Saturday?

**Avery:** A lot of local DJs from Wheelhouse and Night Vision are featured, people who have been DJing for over 10 years. This year we're bringing in a headliner.

One of the organizers of Shambala, Robbie Campbell, DJ Soup is headlining to up the festival vibe.

**Andrew:** One of the things we're most excited about is how nice the weather is. But of course we love that the snow is back.

#### And there's a charity component?

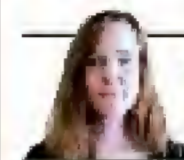
**Andrew:** We're happy to be supporting YESS, Youth Emergency Services, there's been really great feedback this year for people who are going to be bringing in kind donations and cash donations.

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# Looking for fun? It's elementary

## EVENTS CALENDAR

## Long weekend with Sherlock Holmes, bunny pancakes



**Samantha Power**  
For Metro

## THURSDAY

**Amiskwaciy History Series** at Stanley Milner Public Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free

Amiskwaciy comes from the Cree term Amiskwaciy Was-kahikan or Beaver Hill House. It's a term used to describe the area known now as Edmonton.

It's a term that you can learn and use at the new history series that will provide accessible aboriginal history workshops and encourage aboriginal people in the city to tell their history.

## High Kicks

at The Common, 8 p.m. Free

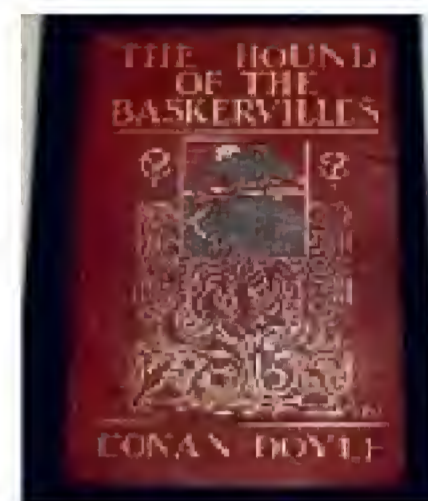
High Kicks are back in town from Calgary. The rock duo unabashedly admits its love for Edmonton bass and drum duo inspirations of rock Whitey Houston. HighKicks features Danny Vacon formerly of The Dudes and drummer Matt Doherty. Combined with Edmonton's Bonspiel, it will be fuzzed out, loud and the most rock way to kick start a long weekend.

## FRIDAY

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The International Sherlock Holmes exhibit at the Telus World of Science has original manuscripts and other items connected to the famous detective. SUPPLIED

should probably head over to the international Sherlock Holmes exhibit at the Telus World of Science. The exhibit has visitors tackle an investigation while being toured through original manuscripts and television props.

## SATURDAY

**Easter at City Market** City hall, Free

It's Easter at City Market. The usual local food and arts vendors will be joined by a special guest (I'm guessing it will have fuzzy ears of some variety). And the first 100 children also get \$5 in Market bucks. As if the market could get more exciting.

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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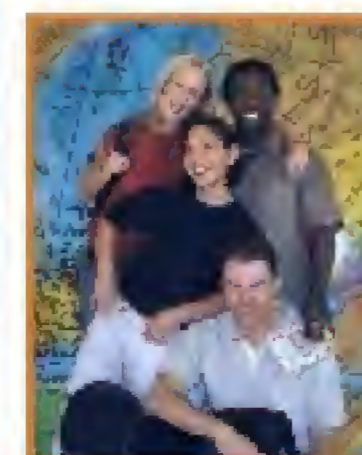
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# Kitty to get prosthetics in pioneering procedure

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## Rescued cat to be fitted out with blades as back limbs

When a deformed feral kitten was discovered on a rural property in Langley, B.C., Cassidy the cat's rescuer says he was scooting around on his front legs with his bum in the air like a "reverse velociraptor."

The nine-week-old tabby, missing both hind legs, will soon be fitted with artificial leg implants in a groundbreaking procedure.

"Definitely this is cutting-edge technology," said Dr. Mike Higgins, a neurologist with Canada West Veterinary Specialists.

"We're learning a lot from human medicine that is translating into animals."

The black-and-white kitten received Botox injections at the Vancouver animal hospital on Wednesday as preparation for attaching prosthetic blades to

his back limbs. The procedure will be the first of its kind in the world on a cat, Higgins said.

Cassidy was rescued by Shelley Roche, who believes the kitten may have lost its legs as a result of its mother chewing to free its body from a knotted umbilical cord at birth.

The cost of his rehabilitation has been \$10,000, she said, though the Vancouver vets offered their services pro bono.

Another specialist is already working with the animal to make a 3D-printed model for the prostheses. The surgery will take place at North Carolina State University in Raleigh in two to four months, when Cassidy is close to being fully grown.

The American surgeon has unique experience in remedying cats and dogs with congenital malformations, Higgins said.

The blade device is advanced because its design conforms more naturally to the limbs, allowing more normal movement, he said. Similar models are already in use by people, he added. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Veterinarian Dr. Mike Higgins examines Cassidy, an eight-month-old rescue cat with no rear legs. She will soon be fitted with artificial leg implants. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Shelly Roche with her rescue cat, Cassidy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Little tantrum has big consequences

## SOCIAL MEDIA

## Woman hurls coffee after confrontation over parking

A woman who pitched two cups of coffee at a man when he confronted her for parking in a handicapped parking spot outside a Tim Hortons has received a police warning after a video of the incident garnered international attention.

Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash said Wednesday the videographer, Ryan Favro, had declined to press a criminal complaint but officers still paid a visit to the woman.

"We've cautioned her for assault and parking in a disabled spot, which is really what we can do under the circumstances," Pugash said.

Favro, in the interim, was trying to put the genie back in the Internet bottle. In a Facebook posting, he explains why



A YouTube video shows a woman in a Tim Horton's parking lot, showing her reaction after being confronted about parking in a spot designated for the disabled. [YOUTUBE.COM](#)

he removed his YouTube video — shot Monday — which has been viewed more than a million times and shared by tens of thousands.

The video, still widely available and posted by outlets across Canada and as far away as the U.K. and New Zealand, sparked howls of social media outrage, with many condemning her as a "brat," among other things.

Favro, however, said some of the comments directed at the woman went too far.

Favro's video begins with his

politely asking the woman why she had parked in the reserved spot as she returns to her Jeep with her Timmies coffee and iced coffee.

"Are you handicapped?" he is heard asking.

"No," she says, and walks away.

"Well, what makes you so special that you can park in a handicapped spot?" he asks.

The woman hurls what appears to be the iced coffee — along with profanities — at the videographer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# A 'gaping hole' in Liberal fiscal plan

## THE 2016 FEDERAL BUDGET

### Grits forced to defend lack of schedule for nixing deficit

One day after the Liberals tabled an inaugural budget packed with new spending, the government found itself on the defensive over the lack of a firm plan to eventually eliminate billions in looming deficits.

The Liberal budget projected \$113.2 billion in red ink over the next five years, due in large part to increased funding in numerous areas. On the other side of the balance sheet, however, there was no indication of when, how or if the budget might eventually be balanced.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Finance Minister Bill Morneau

began the process of selling their fiscal plan — and found themselves defending the lack of solid fiscal targets.

Pressed on the issue during a Radio-Canada interview, Trudeau maintained that the objective of the budget was not "to reach some mathematical balance" but to provide "optimism and trust" to Canadians.

Morneau later said the government's goal "is to get to a balanced budget over approximately" five years — depending on how much economic growth the Liberal blueprint generates.

Both men argued that some of the budget's biggest spending, such as on infrastructure and the revamped multibillion-dollar Canada child benefit, would generate much-needed growth and eventually balance the books.

"Our priority right now is to make those investments that can make a difference," said Morneau, who was also asked if the government would stop

spending at some point if the growth fails to kick in.

"Our goal is to focus on where we're at each year as we put forth the budget.... We'll worry about budget 2017 in 2017."

The Liberal numbers also include a \$6-billion adjustment for risk, which could ultimately help the government beat low fiscal expectations and balance the books even earlier than forecast.

Experts like former parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page called the budget's lack of formal targets "a major, strategic failure" for the government.

"It was just a gaping hole.... You can't have a budget without a fiscal plan," said Page.

The government doesn't necessarily have to set a timetable to rebalance the budget, Page said, but big-ticket spending carries with it a responsibility to explain where the money is going to come from.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau shakes hands with Minister Bill Morneau after his budget speech.



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new infrastructure spending over five years

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INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

# Spend neglects First Nations kids: Critics

The federal government is determined to overhaul the First Nations child-welfare system, Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett says — even as critics focused on the issue say the budget fell well short of what's needed.

It's also necessary to increase capacity so child-welfare services can be properly delivered and controlled by First Nations themselves, Bennett said.

"We are very interested in working together to have less children in foster care, get children back to their communities."

Advocate Cindy Blackstock has a different assessment of the government's level of funding,

which includes an initial outlay of \$71 million in 2016-17.

As president of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, Blackstock spent nearly a decade fighting the federal government over what has long been characterized as the perpetual underfunding of reserve care.

On Tuesday, despite a multi-billion-dollar federal budget windfall for indigenous people, including First Nations education, infrastructure and social housing, Blackstock assailed the government for failing to spend the needed \$200 million on indigenous child welfare services this year.

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Cindy Blackstock, president of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society  
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tional Chief Perry Bellegarde also urged the government to ensure the money flows for child welfare.

"We've got to take what is there now and get it out as soon as possible," Bellegarde said.

The system itself needs to be redesigned, he acknowledged.

"It is not just about the resources," Bellegarde said. "That's one piece, a very key piece. First Nations controlled jurisdiction over child and family services, we say — not only on-reserve but as well as off-reserve."

Funding for First Nations issues was a central theme of the Liberal government's first budget, featuring \$8.4 billion in spending commitments over multiple years for education, water, housing and other services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MILITARY

# No perfect victory for veterans

The new federal budget shows the country's veterans with cash, but questions lingered Wednesday about the details and just how far the money will go toward improving the lives of former soldiers.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau's fiscal plan delivers \$5.6 billion — \$3.7 billion booked in the current fiscal year — for better programs and services for

the most critically injured former military members. The money will be spread out over decades.

One of the Liberal promises to veterans in the last election was to return to a pension-for-life system — or provide soldiers a choice between that and a lump-sum option. There was no sign of such a change in Tuesday's budget, but Veterans Affairs Minister Kent Hehr says the govern-

ment still backs the promise.

Advocates were left wondering about the pledge, in part because the budget raised the lump-sum disability award for wounds suffered in the line of duty to a maximum of \$360,000 next year from the current \$310,000. That's far below other countries such as Britain, where the payout is closer to \$1 million.

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IN BRIEF

## Aid money could help win security council seat

Canada needs to show that it is a generous aid donor if it wants to win a seat on the UN Security Council, says the international development minister. Yet Marie-Claude Bibeau says that doesn't mean committing Canada to the UN's development spending goal. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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People gather at a memorial in Brussels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Brussels defiant after terror attacks

TERRORIST ATTACK ON  
BRUSSELS

**'Life must go on,' despite continuing fear of terror**

Six-year-old Carlton Kahindi took the tea candle in his tiny hand and gently placed it on the makeshift memorial to victims of Belgium's attacks.

Though he could barely see from beneath a stocking cap, he knew his actions had meaning. That's why he was really careful.

"It's for the people who went to heaven," he said.

Thousands of people came to Brussels' central square on Wednesday, determined to defy extremists who would have them cower in fear. The city got back to work, if not back to normal.

Many of those laying flowers,

lighting candles and scrawling messages of peace in chalk were children brought by parents who were seeking to explain that something terrible had happened. They wanted them to understand.

"I want him to still have faith in humanity," said Carlton's mother, Carole Kahindi.

Defiance and fear mingled in the minds of residents coming to terms with the violence that they had long expected, but had hoped wouldn't come.

"You can't protect yourself against terrorism. Are you going to stay at home today? Tomorrow? The day after tomorrow?" asked Dirk Verstraeten, 53, who was catching a bus to work. "Life must go on."

A line swelled outside the central train station in Brussels as travellers lined up to get their bags checked. Soldiers stood guard every few feet as half a dozen military trucks idled nearby.

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**Today ... I was looking at the people and I was thinking: does he have a bomb? Is this person OK?**

Alexandra Cyran

The mood on the street was jittery. Several metro stations were still closed, roads were snarled with traffic. Sirens repeatedly wailed. Yet everywhere around the city people just insist that this won't break them, even though it's impossible to put it out of mind.

"I am not afraid, because terrorists want you to be afraid. That's the thing: they win if we get afraid to leave home," said student Alexandra Cyran.

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LABELLING

## Canada not at war with Daesh

The Liberal government says Canada is not at war with Islamic militants — a view not shared by ally France.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion rejected the "at war" label just one day after the bombings in Brussels that killed more than 30 people.

After the attacks, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls used the term Tuesday following a crisis meeting called by French President Francois Hollande.

"We are at war," said Valls. "We have been subjected for the last few months in Europe to acts of war." Added Hollande:

"This war will be long."

The bombings in Brussels came four months after the attacks in Paris that left 130 dead.

The militant group known as Daesh has claimed responsibility for both incidents.

Trudeau and Dion both said the conflict with Daesh does not fit the true definition of war.

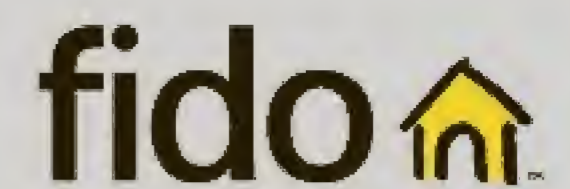
"A war is something that can be won by one side or the other and there is no path for (Daesh) to actually win against the West," Trudeau said.

"They want to destabilize, they want to strike fear. They need to be stamped out."

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Justin Trudeau speaks at a press conference in Ottawa in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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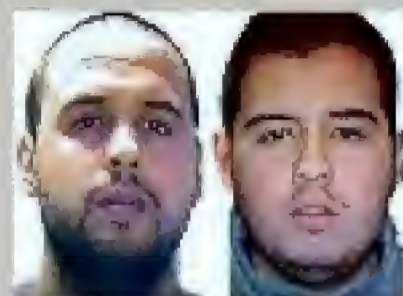
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## IN BRIEF

**Two attackers identified**  
Ibrahim and Khalid El Bakraoui have been identified by a Belgian prosecutor as two of the bombers who killed more than 30 people in Brussels on Tuesday. Elder brother Ibrahim, 29, blew himself up at the airport. Khalid, 27, detonated his bomb at the Maelbeek subway station.



Khalid El Bakraoui, left, and Ibrahim El Bakraoui  
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

**Brussels linked to Paris attacks in November**

The suspected bombmaker in the Paris attacks in November was one of two suicide bombers who targeted the Brussels airport, officials said Wednesday, in a new sign that both attacks are linked to the same cell of Daesh.

**Woman in attacks photo is Indian flight attendant**

A woman sitting bloodied and dazed just moments after the Brussels airport bombings was one of the most haunting images from the attacks. The woman has been identified as Nidhi Chaphekar, a Jet Airways flight attendant from Mumbai. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Nidhi Chaphekar  
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Soldiers control passers by in Brussels on Wednesday, one day after attacks on the Brussels airport and at a metro station. More than 30 people were killed in Tuesday's attack. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

# Bombers may have rushed into killings

## TERRORIST ATTACK ON BRUSSELS

### On day of mourning, details emerge on attackers

As police hunted for the surviving Brussels bomber, evidence mounted Wednesday that the same Daesh (ISIL) cell carried out the attacks in both Paris and Brussels, and that the militants may have launched this week's slaughter in haste because they feared authorities were closing in on them.

On a day of mourning across Belgium following Tuesday's bombings of the Brussels airport and subway that killed 31 people and wounded more than 270, new information emerged about the four attackers.

European security officials said one of the suicide bombers was Najim Laachraoui, a Moroccan-born Belgian whom police have hunted as the suspected bombmaker in the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris that killed 130.

The other two suicide bombers were Belgian-born brothers, Ibrahim El Bakraoui, and younger brother Khalid, both known to the police as common criminals, not anti-Western radicals.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Ibrahim El Bakraoui was caught in June 2015 near Turkey's border with Syria and deported, at his own request, to the Netherlands, with Ankara warning Dutch and Belgian officials that he was a "foreign terrorist fighter." But other Turkish officials said he was released from Dutch custody due to lack of evidence of involvement in extremism.

Details of the investigation from chief prosecutor Frederic Van Leeuw pointed to a rising sense of panic among the three bombers. An unidentified fourth man who was shown in airport video surveillance footage re-

mains at large after Van Leeuw said his suitcase bomb failed to detonate properly. Authorities say he was the man in a light jacket and hat on the far right of the video footage. Van Leeuw said the bomb did partially explode after police had already evacuated the terminal. It injured no one.

The prosecutor said a laptop seized from a garbage can on a street outside the brothers' last known address contained a message purportedly from Ibrahim El Bakraoui that indicated he was expecting to be arrested following Friday's capture in Brussels of the suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks, Salah Abdeslam.

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## DAESH

## 400 trained to fight

Daesh has trained at least 400 fighters to target Europe in deadly waves of attacks, deploying interlocking terror cells like the ones that struck Brussels and Paris with orders to choose the time, place and method for maximum carnage, officials have told The Associated Press.

The network of agile and semi-autonomous cells shows the reach of the extremist group in Europe even as it loses ground in Syria and Iraq.

The officials, including European and Iraqi intelligence officials and a French lawmaker who follows the jihadi networks, described camps in Syria, Iraq and possibly the former Soviet bloc where attackers are trained to attack the West.

Before being killed in a police raid, the ringleader of the Nov. 13 Paris attacks claimed he had entered Europe in a multinational group of 90 fighters, who scattered "more or less everywhere."

But the biggest break yet in the Paris attacks investigation — Friday's arrest of fugitive Salah Abdeslam — did not thwart the multi-pronged attack just four days later on the Belgian capital's airport and subway that left 31 people dead and an estimated 270 wounded. Three suicide bombers also died.

Just as in Paris, Belgian authorities were searching for at least one fugitive in Tuesday's attacks — this time for a man wearing a white jacket who was seen on airport security footage with the two suicide attackers. The fear is that the man, whose identity Belgian officials say is not known, will find Abdeslam's path instructive.

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## TERRORIST ATTACK ON BRUSSELS

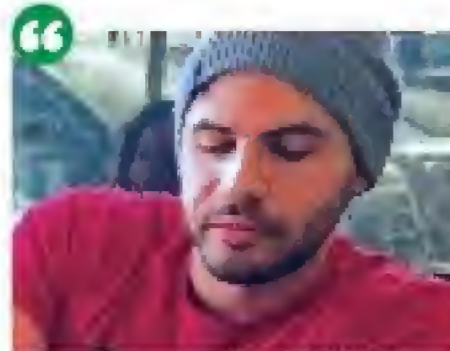
### Daesh doesn't represent Islam, advocates say

A few miles from Disneyland is a place most California tourists never see. The signs along the thoroughfare suddenly switch to Arabic script advertising hookah shops, Middle Eastern sweets, halal meat and travel services.

In Little Arabia, flags from a half-dozen Muslim countries flap in a stiff breeze. Flying above them all is a giant American flag.

After Sen. Ted Cruz called for increased surveillance of Muslims in the U.S., this Muslim community and others like it defied the Republican presidential candidate and defended their commitment to the United States. The editor of an Arabic-language newspaper said Muslims are "already part of the country, whether he likes it or not."

Inside a Lebanese eatery called Forn Al Hara, immi-



**I was born and raised here. I see myself as an American ... There's nothing really different about us.**  
Omar Ghanim

grants from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq debated the latest political rhetoric from the GOP candidates.

"I was born and raised here. I see myself as an American," said Omar Ghanim, 23, who grew up in Southern California with parents of Palestinian heritage. "Everything's the same between me and the rest of the Americans out there. There's nothing really different about us."

Cruz's comments on Tuesday came hours after the deadly attacks at the Brussels airport and a subway station that killed dozens of people and wounded many more. Daesh claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Ghanim said the extremist group Daesh doesn't represent his faith. "We're a peaceful

people. We're not violent."

Cruz said Tuesday that law enforcement should be empowered to "patrol and secure Muslim neighbourhoods before they become radicalized." Echoing earlier statements from rival Donald Trump, Cruz also said the U.S. should stop the flow of refugees from countries where Daesh has a significant presence.

Muslims across the country and groups including the Council on American-Islamic Relations and the Anti-Defamation League condemned Cruz's statements. Many complained that the Islamic extremist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, and the intensifying rhetoric of the presidential campaign, have steadily ratcheted up animosity against



Ahmad Tarek Rashid Alam, publisher of the Arabic-language community newspaper The Arab World, comments on remarks made by Sen. Ted Cruz about Muslim Americans in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Belgium. GILLIAN FLACCUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Muslims.

Ahmad Tarek Rashid Alam, publisher of the weekly Arab World newspaper and one of the immigrants who helped build Little Arabia, said anti-Muslim statements are "nothing new."

"This has been going on in

every Islamic neighbourhood for years," he said. "But now our kids are in the police, in the Army. Are they going to watch us?"

He said Cruz's remarks seemed aimed at exploiting prejudice to get votes.

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## U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Jeb Bush endorses Ted Cruz

Republican Ted Cruz picked up a key endorsement Wednesday from Jeb Bush, who said their party must beat back "the divisiveness and vulgarity" of front-running New York billionaire Donald Trump.

Bush's endorsement came after Trump won the Republican primary in Arizona on Tuesday but lost the Utah caucus to Cruz, the first-term Texas senator and ultra-conservative beacon in a race for the party's presidential nomination that has caused a near civil war among Republicans.

Bush, once seen as the likely nominee but whose candidacy never gained momentum, tweeted Wednesday that Cruz is a "consistent, principled conservative who has shown he can unite the party." Bush added on Facebook that Republicans "must overcome the divisiveness and vulgarity Donald Trump has brought into the political arena" or risk losing to Hillary Clinton, the increasingly likely Democratic nominee.

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## SURVIVOR

# Brussels airport attack is second major bombing for teen

Surviving a major bombing is the extraordinary — and repeated — situation that one Utah teen can live to tell about.

Mason Wells, a 19-year-old from Sandy, Utah, is expected to make a full recovery from the bombing attack at the Brussels airport Tuesday, which left him with a surgery scar, a severed Achilles tendon, a head gash, shrapnel injuries and severe burns.

Wells had once again found himself at the centre of a major attack — standing within feet

of a bomb that exploded at the Belgian airport. The blasts in the Belgian capital killed 34 people and wounded scores at the airport and a subway station.

Three years ago, Wells and his father felt the ground shake and narrowly escaped death from an April 2013 attack in the U.S., when a pressure-cooker bomb exploded a block away from where they were watching his mother run the Boston Marathon.

The former high school

football and lacrosse player had four months left on his two-year Mormon mission, and was planning to major in engineering at the University of Utah next fall. He also wanted to reapply to the Naval Academy after barely missing the cut after high school, his father said.

His father said he woke up to the latest news on the TV before calling his son's mission president in France and found out his son was injured but alive. More than eight hours

later, they finally spoke to their son, who was groggy and exhausted after surgery. The teen is in good spirits but his family is still figuring out when they'll get to see him, and if he'll finish his mission.

Other Mormon missionaries at the Brussels airport were also hospitalized. Richard Norby, 66, of Lehi, and Joseph Empey, 20, of Santa Clara, were with Wells and also hospitalized with serious injuries from the blast.

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Mormon missionaries Mason Wells, 19, left, and Joseph Empey, 20, were injured in Tuesday's explosion at the Brussels airport. JOSEPH EMPEY/CHAD WELLS VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON A THROWBACK BUDGET



### Trudeau is walking on a budget tightrope over a fiscal safety net frayed by a decade of Conservative tax cuts. His budget does little to address a structural revenue shortfall.

For all the talk about a new activist federal era, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first budget largely picks up where Paul Martin left off — at least when it comes to spending priorities.

Improving the terms of the relationship between Canada and its indigenous people was front and centre on the former Liberal prime minister's radar. At the time of its defeat in 2005, the Martin government was about to start implementing the Kelowna Accord.

Martin had also spent his final years as minister of finance advocating a new fiscal pact between the federal government and Canada's big cities. As prime minister, he had set out to translate his intentions into actions.

Both files emerged as major priorities in Tuesday's budget with billions of dollars to be spent on the municipal and indigenous fronts over the next few years.

But this week's budget also demonstrates that turning back the clock a decade is easier said than done. Much water or, in this case, much federal wealth in the shape of tax cuts has flowed under the bridge over the past 10 years.

Martin's spending plans were to be financed out of impressive federal budget surpluses, and he had a revenue base that ensured those would keep on coming.

By comparison, Trudeau is walking on a budget tightrope over a fiscal safety net frayed by a decade of Conservative tax cuts. Tuesday's Liberal budget does little to address a structural revenue shortfall.

On the contrary, instead of erasing Harper's fiscal footprint, the Liberals have chosen to tiptoe around it.

For, of all the signature Conservative policies, a twice-lowered GST seems the most likely to survive the transition to a different government. On the day after the budget, Trudeau categorically maintained that he would not be raising the tax back to its pre-Harper level of seven per cent.

This lack of political fortitude is understandable. The Liberals did not talk about the GST at the time of the election campaign. No party would then go near what strategists saw as the third rail of federal fiscal politics. There was no

political cover for Trudeau to talk about raising it before the election and there still is not now that he is in office.

Given a choice between slaying the sacred cow of a lower GST, or breaking with the doctrine of balanced budgets, Trudeau's Liberals determined that the path of least public resistance led to the latter.

But with every GST point worth about \$7 billion a year to a cash-starved federal government, good politics stands to make for crippling fiscal policy.

None of the other tax changes of the first Liberal budget really addresses the shrunken capacity of the federal government to raise revenues on par with its

policy ambitions.

A string of projected yearly deficits that stretches beyond the current mandate speaks to the existence of a structural gap between those ambitions and the fiscal capacity to fulfil them. More than a low-growth economic cycle is at play.

The last government to leave behind a solid budget surplus was that of Martin. None of the parties that ran in the last election would have produced a balanced budget this year without engaging in a round of spending cuts.

The main consequence of preserving Harper's GST legacy is to essentially leave the federal fiscal ship at the mercy of the vagaries of the world economy. But if the recent decade is any indication, it will be hard to raise that ship out of the red even in moderately good times and/or to keep it on a steady deficit-free course. With so much money committed to recurring tax cuts, it is hard to see how major federal initiatives on the social policy front would be sustainable in the future.

Based on the budget roadmap sketched out this week, one might presume either that any major spending such as more money for health care that did not make the cut of this first budget is unlikely to materialize over the course of the current mandate, or else that the deficit projections put forward by Finance Minister Bill Morneau — as high as they may seem — are actually a floor.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### If Ghomeshi skates, a movement will be emboldened

Will Ghomeshi walk? The long stream of bombshells that was Jian Ghomeshi's sexual-assault trial comes down to that question.

And when Justice William B. Horkins delivers his verdict, journalists, lawyers and observers expect the same: Not guilty, on all counts.

Ghomeshi's lawyer, Marie Henein, left the proceedings swimming in reasonable doubt from pothole-ridden testimony. Consent was nowhere to be found, and it didn't matter.

But with apologies to the three complainants, for whom that certainly isn't the best outcome — a not-guilty sweep might be what Canada needs.

It would further galvanize the protests planned in Toronto today, and perhaps spur others. It would infuriate onlookers dismayed at the adversarial, even cruel, dynamics of the courtroom.

It wouldn't surprise sexual-violence advocates who have, for decades, watched an impotent justice system download the fallout of sexual assaults directly onto the victims, as it routinely fails to engender their trust.

But it will give those advocates an extra high-profile bit of ammunition. And they need all the help they can get.

It's been 40 years since rape-shield laws were introduced, but, still, only about 10 per cent of sexual assaults are

reported to police, never mind adjudicated in the courts.

In past years, and again since the start of this trial, various reforms have been batted around, including creating a courts for sexual assaults, inspired by those for mental health sufferers. Also: restorative justice; trying sexual assaults as civil cases, in which where the burden of proof is a "balance of probabilities," instead of the "beyond a shadow of a doubt" standard of criminal court; and dedicated lawyers for complainants, to correct the imbalance that results when only the accused gets a lawyer in a he-said-she-said trial where physical evidence and third-party witnesses are in short supply.

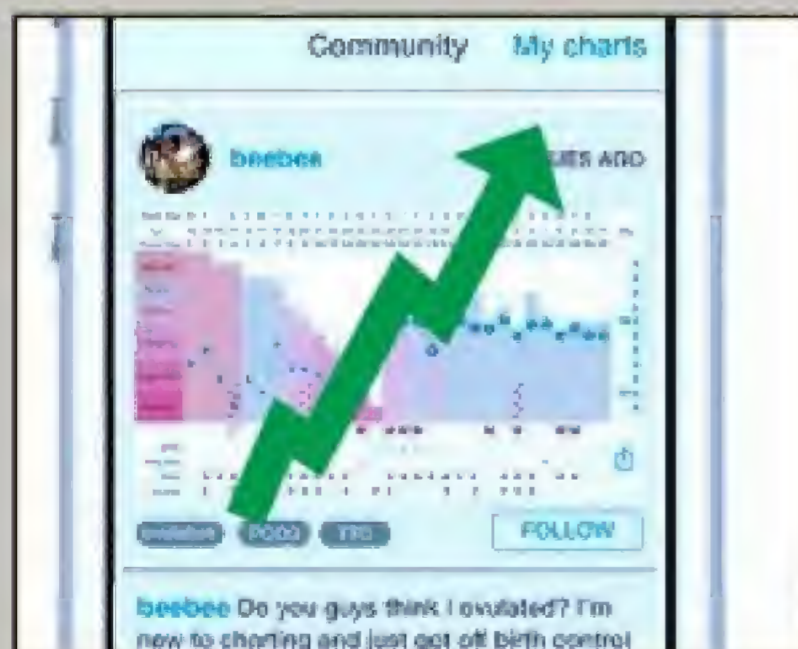
Each idea has merit, and yet nothing has been done. This country needs anger.

An acquittal may well be the correct verdict, in legal terms. It could also be the correct sentence in a trial that has been set up, from the beginning, as our big chance to collectively witness systemic failings, and demand change.

Pamela Cross, a lawyer and long-time advocate for sexual assault victims, already believes the conditions are right, regardless of the verdict. "Canadians are talking about sexual assault in a way that really has never happened before," she told me.

But if we need that extra push, not-guilty could do it.

#### THE MICROTREND: Fertility Awareness Technology



With trust in pharmaceutical companies not what it once was (and condom approval ratings about where they've always been), women either seeking or avoiding pregnancy are choosing in greater numbers to rely not on drugs or polymer prophylactics but on ... their own bodies. Apps like Glow, Clue and Kindara (one of whose founders hails from Toronto) make it easier for women to monitor body temperature, fluids, and other menstrual indicators so that they can take control of their fertility. Outside of activity trackers, they happen to be the most downloaded health apps in the Apple Store. SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN, THE NEW YORK TIMES, IMAGE: KINDARA.COM

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Henry Cavill is the latest incarnation of Superman in *Batman v Superman*, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

## Who will prevail this weekend?

### BATMAN V SUPERMAN

**From the film to the box office, superheroes fight it out**

**Richard Crouse**

For Metro Canada



Superhero geeks need not fear, this column will contain no spoilers.

In *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, the world's two most famous caped crime fighters throw down, wrestling literally and figuratively to determine what kind of hero is best suited to serve the world's needs.

The story picks up after the action in *Man of Steel*, which saw Superman (the square-jawed Henry Cavill) protect the planet by destroying half of Metropolis in an epic battle with the evil General Zod (Michael Shannon).

Batman (Ben Affleck), unimpressed with the collateral damage, joins the contingent of folks who see the Last Son of Krypton not as a champion but an alien threat. A battle ensues.

Who will win? Other than Kryptonite, Superman has no

known weaknesses, so this would seem like a fairly one-sided fight, but Batman has skills as well, so who knows?

To get to the bottom of the matter I held a highly unscientific Facebook *Batman v Superman* poll to determine a winner. It drew mixed results.

"Brains over brawn," wrote one FB friend, "Batman for the win!"

"Superman could basically fly down at super speed striking Batman before he could even sense he was coming and turn the Bat into vapour," wrote a Superman fan.

Another wasn't so sure. "Both seem to wear their underwear over their pants... it is a tough call." Whatever the outcome, expect a wild showdown. But that's on screen. It's make-believe. What about *Reel Life v Real Life*?

The Caped Crusader and Supes have been duking it out for decades at the box office but Batman, specifically the Christian Bale era, comes out on top. The *Dark Knight Rises* and *The Dark Knight* KO the competition, with the 1978 *Superman*, the first Tim Burton Batman and the recent *Man of Steel* rounding out the top five.

Batman also brings in the lion's share of the marketing money. According to comic-bookmovie.com Batman sells

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almost two-to-one to Superman products.

That means more parents dress their kids as Batman than Superman at Halloween and that includes Ben Affleck and Christian Bale who met at a costume store last year as they shopped for Batman

outfits for their kids.

What about prestige? Again Batman is victorious, with three Academy Award winners — Affleck, Bale and George Clooney — playing the Bat at one time or another.

As for the Metropolis Marvel, Oscar winners Robert Red-

### BEN AFFLECK

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ford and Clint Eastwood both turned down the role as did best actor nominee James Caan who said, "There's no way I'm wearing that silly suit."

Oscar winner Nic Cage wore the suit but his Superman story never made it before the cameras.

So far my *Reel Life v Real Life* look at *Batman v Superman* favours the Dark Knight, but Clark Kent's alter ego is still a formidable foe.

Keep in mind, without Superman there may never have been a Batman.

Predating the Caped Crusader, the *Man of Steel* is a pi-

oneer whose popularity helped create the superhero genre. Since then he's been ubiquitous, inspiring an American Sign Language symbol, movie serials, TV shows, comic strips, pop songs — (Wish I Could Fly Like) Superman by The Kinks among many others — and even a Broadway musical called *It's a Bird...It's a Plane...It's Superman*.

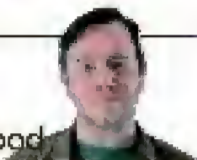
Finally, as one of my Facebook friends pointed out, Superman has at least one insurmountable advantage over Batman: "If Superman loses the fight he can fly back in time to fight again."

# Amy Adams is no damsel in distress

INTERVIEW

**Actress returns as Lois Lane and dishes on her super role**

**Ned Ehrbar**  
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Amy Adams steps back into the iconic role of Lois Lane for *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* three years after her first outing, *Man of Steel*.

Just don't call her a damsel in distress.

While her character may still need rescuing from time to time, the fact that it's Superman doing the rescuing should count for something, right?

**This movie had quite a lengthy production.**

I don't know how long, I was involved for about six months of it, on and off. Coming and going, so yeah. But they prepped for a really long time.

That's the thing that nobody sees, all the prep that goes into it. They're prep-



Amy Adams comes out to play Lois Lane a second time in *Batman v Superman*. CONTRIBUTED

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ping Justice League right now, so I'm sure Zack's exhausted.

**In taking on an icon like Lois Lane, what do you think are the more intrinsic parts about the character that you have to get across?**

I think she's kind of a little ball-busting. I'd like to put it nicer, but I don't know how to put it nicer. She's sassy! (laughs) But yeah, she kind of has a lot of moxie, so you've got to get that across.

You know, you have to get that she kind of goes into situations that get her in a lot of trouble, that require a certain amount of rescuing. I shy away from "damsel in distress," though.

You have to kind of build that into the character as a

sort of energy that you feel like she's a woman who fought her way to where she is and really digs in.

**The fact that she gets to be rescued by Superman rather than she just needing to be rescued by a normal person ...**

She understands going into these situations, there's a very real possibility that dangerous things can and will happen to her.

So I don't think she goes in with the idea that someone will save her — well, maybe she does now that she's got an in.

"Oh, I wouldn't mess with me, it doesn't end well, I've seen it. I've seen what happens." He can get here really fast. Super fast.

**It feels like Superman hasn't done a very good**

**job explaining himself to the human race in general, but he seems to communicate well with Lois.** I think she's in a relationship with Clark, and the rest of the world is in a relationship with Superman, so I know him as a human being, his human side. I know he's an alien, but I know him as a man — Clark the man.

It's nice to get to play with Clark because Lois doesn't always get to do that in the history of Lois.

She's usually not in a relationship with Clark, she's in a relationship with Superman.

**Do you have an idea of where that can go?**

She accepts that they're the same person. Superman is the title that's been given to him by the world, but she calls him Clark.

She's never like, "Superman!" She calls after him, it's always Clark. He's just Clark to her.

**That bathtub scene had to be either a really fun day at work or a really aggravating day at work.**

It's not aggravating, it's not fun. It's just another day at the office in my flesh-colored underwear. (laughs)

**Hopefully they keep the water warm.**

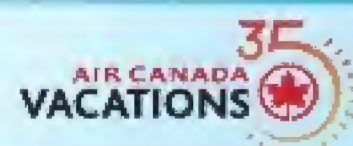
They keep the water warm. They treat me with a ton of respect. It is tricky, for my own modesty and because they can't use the take if you see anything, so it's a very fine balance.

They did a good job. There were some bath salts and stuff. I think it's actually milk powder. My skin ended up very soft. There have been worse days.



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# 5 SUPERHERO FILMS STILL TO HIT SCREENS IN 2016

Along with *Deadpool* and *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, five other major productions focusing on superhero stories are set to land in movie theatres in 2016. Alongside well-known crusaders like *Batman*, *Captain America* and the *X-Men*, a new lineup of characters is heading to the movies. **AFP**



## 1 Suicide Squad

In *Suicide Squad* (August 5), moviegoers follow a team of supervillains — Joker, Harley Quinn, Deadshot — recruited by the U.S. government to carry out dangerous black ops missions. These dark, tormented and heavily armed characters are played by a star cast, including Jared Leto, Margot Robbie, Will Smith and Cara Delevingne.



## 2 Gambit

Another shady character, *Gambit*, was set to debut October 7 with Channing Tatum in the starring role. This mysterious mutant capable of charging objects with energy is accompanied by his wife, Bella Donna Boudreaux, played by French actress Léa Seydoux. However, the movie, directed by Doug Liman (*Edge of Tomorrow*), is only set to start filming this spring, which could make an October release tight. The movie is likely to be rescheduled for 2017.



## 3 Doctor Strange

Disney and Marvel, on the other hand, are bringing *Doctor Strange* to the big screen on November 4. Benedict Cumberbatch is signed up play the cynical and egotistical neurosurgeon who discovers strange and supernatural powers after losing the use of his hands in a car accident. He'll be joined on the cast by Chiwetel Ejiofor, Tilda Swinton, Rachel McAdams and Mads Mikkelsen.



## 4 Captain America: Civil War

On May 6, the team of heroes known as the Avengers see themselves split into two opposing factions in *Captain America: Civil War*, a third instalment that promises a faceoff between Iron Man and Captain America. The movie stars Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Paul Rudd, Jeremy Renner, Gwyneth Paltrow, Tom Holland and Don Cheadle.



## 5 X-Men: Apocalypse

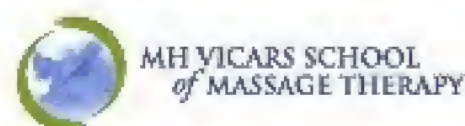
Moviegoers will barely have time to catch their breath before the latest instalment of Fox's mutant series, *X-Men: Apocalypse*, lands in theaters May 27. This time around, the heroes are faced with Apocalypse, the first and most powerful mutant, born 5000 years ago in Egypt, on a mission to wipe out humanity. The bad-die is played by Oscar Isaac (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*), with the return of regular cast members Jennifer Lawrence, Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy and Nicholas Hoult.

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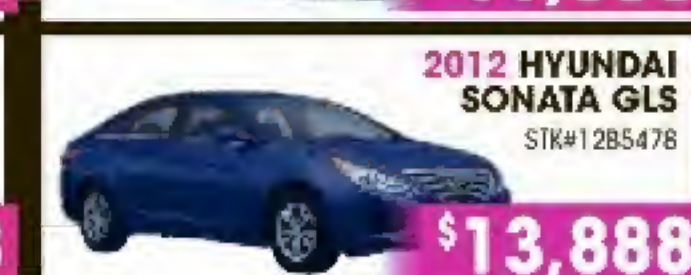
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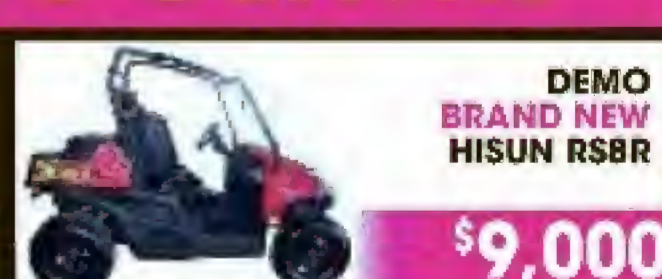
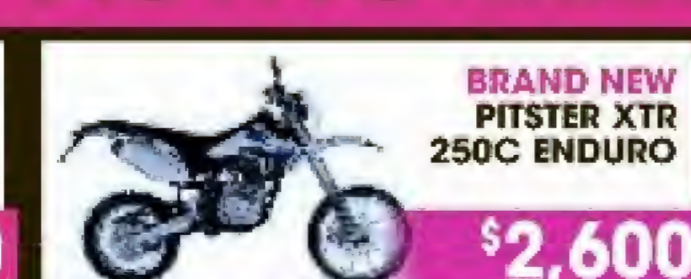
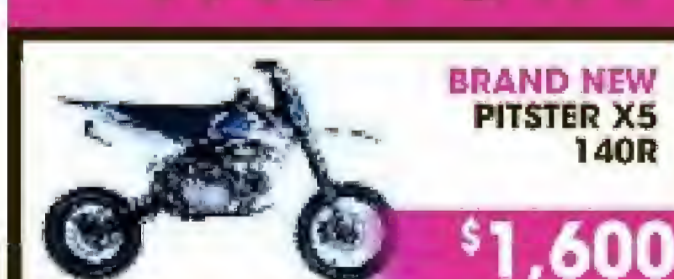
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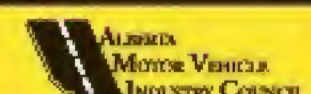
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# A movie lover's nightmare or dream?

Is it the dumbest idea since Smell-O-Vision or a boon for movie lovers? The Screening Room is a startup backed by Napster co-founder Sean Parker and music executive Prem Akkaraju that would bring first-run films directly into people's homes. The service has the support of some major filmmakers, but its existence depends on the co-operation of studios and exhibitors, which seems unlikely. Still, Torstar's writers weighed the pros and cons. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



## CON - THE ECONOMICS DON'T MAKE SENSE

**Peter Howell**  
Torstar Movie Writer

### Piracy will go through the roof

Pirates already cost the movie industry billions of dollars each year in lost revenue. And that's with surveillance systems that make taping films off the screen relatively difficult in public places. Imagine how much more money will be lost when pirates can make near-perfect copies of first-run movies in the privacy of their own home. It's because of this that you'd

be unlikely to see a Star Wars or Avengers movie screened via this service, despite the enthusiasm expressed by a few misguided blockbuster directors.

### It will diminish the moviegoing experience

Since the creation of movies more than a century ago, the experience of seeing one has always been about more than just viewing images on a screen.

It's fine to watch a film on a TV or laptop, but it's not the optimal way to do it. Watching a film outside of a conventional theatre also means missing out on the audience sharing that is



part of everybody's most powerful movie memories.

### It will kill small theatres and many jobs

It's no secret that the ticket price

alone doesn't pay for a night out at the movies.

The multiplexes could probably make a go of it, since they run the Star Wars and Transformers movies that will always

pull in fans who want the ultimate viewing experience, along with the snacks.

But everything short of a blockbuster could play well on a home screen, robbing smaller

theatres and art houses (such as TIFF Bell Lightbox) of patrons and purchases they need to keep their lights on and staff employed.

### It doesn't make any economic sense

Parker's talking about charging people \$150 for a stand-alone box for their TVs. Then there's the \$50 per-use fee — \$65 Canadian, at current exchange rates. To make that work, you'd have to have at least four people at a time gather to watch a film, something that many people wouldn't do on a regular basis.

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PRO - MEETS DEMAND FOR CONSUMER CHOICE

**Linda  
Barnard**  
Torstar Movie Writer

## Serving the needs of movie lovers

Better theatre experiences for the rest of us: I can always tell when a movie sags and starts to lose its audience: the phones come out. So if Screening Room means self-ish morons who can't resist checking Instagram feeds in the middle of a film can do that at home — while yakking to their seatmate, noisily rooting around in buckets of popcorn and tearing open loud candy packages, all while kicking the chair in front of them — it can only be a good thing.

## It's the future

Major filmmakers are finding new routes to get their work in front of audiences, even if traditional types in Hollywood react with Oscar-nomination snubs, as with Cary Fukunaga's powerful *Beasts of No Nation*, which screened at Venice and TIFF before its Netflix worldwide release. Spike Lee's *Chi-Raq*, produced by Amazon Studios, had a brief theatrical run in December in the U.S. before quickly landing on Amazon Prime.

It opened in Toronto March 18 and was available on iTunes and VOD platforms the same day. Consumers are demanding different kinds of access

and Screening Room would give them a choice.

## A matter of choice

A joint 2015 Telefilm Canada-Show Canada-ERM Research study showed two-thirds of the Canadian population age 13 and up goes to the movies, seeing an average of five movies a year.

Why wouldn't the movie industry want to get its hands on the wallets of the rest of the population and more often? Theatre owners and movie distributors have always balked at shortened windows for films making the transition from big screens to personal viewing but we love to watch movies and should have a choice in how we see them, whether it's an indie movie house, multiplex or on the couch.

## Hollywood will have to sink piracy

Piracy costs the movie industry dearly each year in lost revenue. Wouldn't putting a first-run flick into the hands of home users be irresistible to cheats and scofflaws? Not if enough safeguards are put in place to prevent content theft sites from getting their mitts on the movies.

With those who potentially have much to lose, including filmmakers Steven Spielberg, Peter Jackson and J.J. Abrams backing Screening Room, there must be some faith in the potential to dodge piracy.



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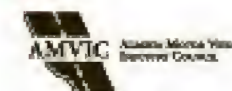
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# Eye in the Sky targets drone warfare

## MILITARY THRILLER

### Director kept seeing Helen Mirren as mission leader

**Steve Gow**  
For Metro Canada



Drones are certainly one of the technological marvels of the modern age — albeit a curiosity that is fraught with controversy.

In fact, military drones have specifically been scrutinized for the perception that the remote-controlled flying gadgets are largely responsible for reckless deaths in war zones. For former lawyer-turned-filmmaker Gavin Hood, it was an issue absolutely ripe for the cinema.

"For me, the script was an invitation to a highly-charged debate," explained Hood while promoting his new drama *Eye in the Sky*. "It presents multiple points-of-view and moral, ethical and legal arguments

around the question of drone warfare and leaves the audience in the position of a juror in a jury trial."

The taut thriller focuses in particular on a mission led by an authoritative military colonel (played by Helen Mirren) set on taking out via drone the terrorist she's tracked for years. However, when a nine-year old Kenyan innocent gets within range, the showdown to strike escalates into a fiery moral incident.

"When I was reading the script, I just kept seeing Helen Mirren in my head," said Hood of the mission leader that was originally written as a male character. "I kept thinking which actor could play this role and it had nothing to do with gender. (A film like this) needs actors who can give you what she does so well — which is moments of humor, moments of nuance, moments of manipulation — that enrich every scene."

Hood adds modifying the military role for Mirren also had little to do with the recent raucous raised by a recent USC study spotlighting Hollywood's major diversity problem. In-



Helen Mirren stars as a colonel on a mission in highly charged drama *Eye in the Sky*. HANDOUT

stead, his choice simply reflected a humble attempt to craft an authentic story.

"The fact is that more and more women are joining the military," stated the 52-year-old director behind hits like *X-Men Origins: Wolverine* and 2006's Foreign Language Oscar-winner *Tsotsi*. "There are

women in (military intelligence officer) roles and there are more and more women in the role of drone sensor operators, drone pilots and behind the scenes, which is why there are so many women in the film. That's not us being politically correct, that's just a reality of what's happening."

## FILM NOTES

### Time in army fuels plot

Gavin Hood was drafted into the army at 17 — something that informed his filmmaking career.

"As a young person starting out making films you don't necessarily know why you're drawn to certain things," said Hood. "But now that I'm over 50, I do seem to still be working out a great deal of questions (from) those two years in the military."

**Director Gavin Hood**

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### In memoriam...

*Eye in the Sky* will also mark one of respected thespian Alan Rickman's very last films — having passed away in January.

"This was a man of wonderful intelligence, genuine kindness, great wit and I think we were very lucky to have him in the film," said Hood.

"What he's able to do with just the raise of any eyebrow or the slightest twist on a line is enrich a scene."

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# Greek Wedding star calls out Hollywood

**NIA VARDALOS**

## On battling sexism in Tinseltown and onscreen

It wasn't long after *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* exploded at the box office that Hollywood began pestering its star Nia Vardalos for a sequel.

The Winnipeg-bred breakout declined, turning instead to other comedic followups including *Connie and Carla*, *I Hate Valentine's Day* and *My Life in Ruins*.

But none had the impact of her surprising family-friendly smash, which centred on an unassuming Greek woman who falls in love with a non-Greek suitor, played by John Corbett.

Vardalos adds she was also focused on other matters, including efforts to become a mother that resulted in the adoption of a little girl.

Now older, wiser and inspired by her own new family adventures,

Vardalos reprises her role as Toula Portokalos in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*.

Vardalos chatted with *The Canadian Press* by phone from New York.

**Tell me about some projects over the years that haven't been able to take root.**

I definitely lost control and then gained it and lost it. It is a process and getting a film made is difficult, period. Hollywood is still the most archaic place. It is the one place where a review can talk about a woman's looks and you can not get a job simply because you're female. It's outdated and we have to push through.

**Can you describe some of these scripts you've been asked to rework?**

It will say about the female: "Late 20s. Beautiful but doesn't know it. Kittenish, sexy." (And then) it'll say: "Guy, 40s. A sense of being that far exceeds his years." You know, there's no reference to being handsome ...

It'll never say: "Chiselled jaw line, pecs to die for." Can you imagine reading that in a screenplay? It wouldn't be written and people would laugh out loud. But it's certainly written about the women. And we just call them on it, we just laugh.

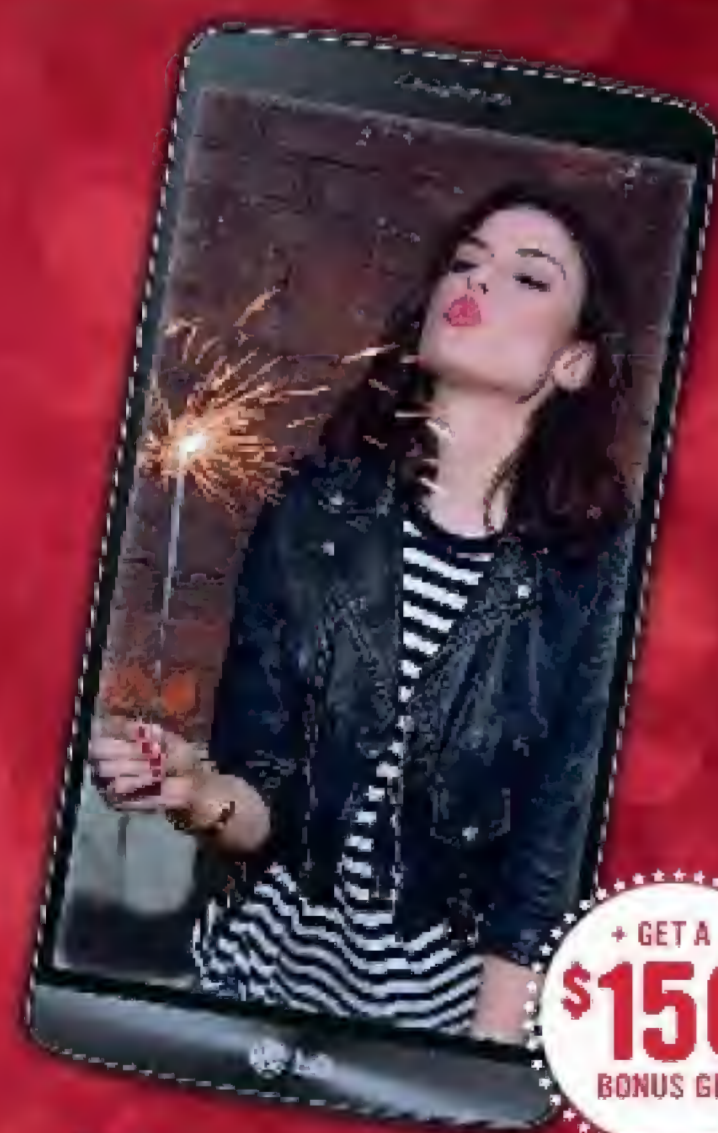
We've had symposiums at the Writers Guild with men and women there talking about how when ... we have to incite peril for a woman during sweeps' week the writers will pitch, 'OK, so let's get her raped.' And it's rough. It's really, really bad. We're creating a rape culture. And we're trying to pull back from it and that's what these meetings do where we have to call each other on what we're doing wrong. And try to get things out there.

It's really, really hard to get a family comedy made, especially a PG-13 one.... If this movie doesn't do well there will be another 15 years where we wait for another one. And that's a bummer.

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Nia Vardalos and John Corbett are reunited in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*. HANDOUT



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# Little talk show love for Rob Ford now

LACK OF CONDOLENCES

Once late night fodder, mayor not mentioned after his death

For a while, he was a nightly, go-to sensation on American talk shows. On the day of his death, however, there was no mention of former Toronto mayor Rob Ford on shows headlined by Jimmy Kimmel, Jimmy Fallon, Conan O'Brien, Seth Myers or Trevor Noah.

Kimmel had Ford on as a guest two years ago this month. The former mayor tossed T-shirts into the studio audience before sweating through a segment where he stood watching one unflattering video after another.

By the time of his Kimmel appearance in Los Angeles, Ford had already admitted to smoking crack cocaine while in office.

"You love being mayor, don't you?" Kimmel asked in the third segment.

"I wasn't elected to be perfect, Jimmy," said Ford.

"Get help," said Kimmel.

Tuesday, Kimmel tweeted out his respects for the former mayor and controller, who died Tuesday at 46.

"Condolences to the family and fans of @TorontoRobFord — an unforgettable guy who loved his job and city like few men I've met."

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You love being mayor, don't you?

Jimmy Kimmel to then Toronto mayor Rob Ford



Rob Ford, left, has his forehead wiped by host Jimmy Kimmel on the late night talk show Jimmy Kimmel Live in March 2014. The former Toronto mayor died earlier this week. RANDY HOLMES/ABC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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I wasn't elected to be perfect, Jimmy.

Rob Ford to the late night talk show host of Jimmy Kimmel Live

There were no jokes or even a respectful mention, however, in any of the late night monologues.

Ford did die on a busy day. There were U.S. primaries to make fun of, as well as U.S. president Obama's historic trip to Cuba, plus the deadly attacks in Belgium. Kimmel's first guest was Democratic presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders.

Noah, host of The Daily Show, got serious at the end of his program, offering condolences to the people of Belgium. Larry Wilmore, host of The Nightly Show, opened his show with a similar nod to the Belgium airport attack.

All of the hosts resumed mocking the politician who long ago eclipsed Ford as late night comedy fodder: Donald Trump.

Former New York Times TV writer Bill Carter, author of two books on late night, was surprised Ford was not mentioned on the Tuesday night telecasts. Ford's death, he suggests, was likely a "hard one to finesse for guys who had such fun at his expense." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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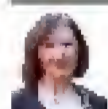
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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

## Gaycation being brave in an LGBTQ-phobic world



Ellen Page and Ian Daniel in Gaycation. HANDOUT

**THE SHOW:** Gaycation, Season 1, Episode 2 (VICE)  
**THE MOMENT:** The admission

Co-hosts Ellen Page and Ian Daniel are travelling the world, exploring how different cultures react to LGBTQ people. In Rio de Janeiro, they talk to an ex-cop, known only as El Grande, who hates gay people and has killed several.

"If I saw gay people I'd run them over," says El Grande, whose face and voice are disguised. "I think every pigsty must be cleaned out."

Page covers her mouth. "I want to say that I'm gay," she whispers to someone off-camera. "Do you think it's safe?"

She turns back to El Grande. "We're gay," she says. "Do you think it would be better for the

world for us to be dead?"

After watching three episodes, I was briefly concerned that they weren't differentiated enough. People have different reasons for their homophobia — in Tokyo, it's about family pride; in Rio, it's about Catholicism — but the conversations have a similar arc. And as the hosts point out, a handful of people can't speak for a whole

culture.

But then I realized the similarity was the point. Like good therapists, Page and Daniel are willing to say the same things, and hear the same things, over and over, in the hope that somewhere, something will click. Someone will see them differently, and a change will start to be made.

They certainly have the

temperaments of therapists: Though often shaken (the statistics on violence against LGBTQ people are staggering), they remain calm. And brave. They keep the conversation going, hoping to be heard.

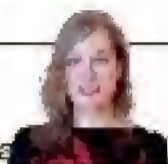
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# Finally... when Griffin met Sabine

THE PHAROS GATE

**Nick Bantock's long-distance lovers come face to face at last**

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



Twenty-five years ago, before Nick Bantock's debut novel *Griffin & Sabine* became a multi-million bestseller and cultural phenomena, he was living on \$12,000 a year working as an artist. Although he had illustrated covers for books, he never thought about writing them. But something about his "adult picture book" resonated with readers, and the next thing the British artist knew, he was catapulted into the international literary spotlight with appearances on breakfast shows and readings to packed rooms, an experience he now calls both exhilarating and bizarre.

Told through a trilogy of books, the story follows a London artist named Griffin, who

creates lush, collaged images for postcards, and Sabine, who lives somewhere in the South Pacific illustrating stamps. The two never physically meet, but instead develop a metaphysical connection through their handwritten postcards and letters, which readers can physically pull out of their envelopes. Bantock, who now lives in Victoria, B.C., says the concept originally "came from seeing someone else in the post office getting good mail, and me getting the usual crap."



An illustration from *The Pharos Gate: Griffin & Sabine's Lost Correspondence*. HANDOUTS

At the end of the third novel in 1993, Bantockians, as his hardcore fans called themselves, despaired over the fate of the lovers. Would they ever set eyes on each other? More than two decades later, curios-

ity will now be satisfied with the release of *The Pharos Gate: Griffin and Sabine's Lost Correspondence*, as the two prepare to finally meet in person, despite looming dangers and distances. Although Bantock planted visual clues throughout all the books, the setting and era is



**"I found they articulate my journey as a human being better than anything else."**

Griffin & Sabine author Nick Bantock

intentionally ambiguous. Even if Bantock and his readers have aged, it's as if time stood still for Griffin and Sabine.

"That's part of the fun," he says. "You bury stuff in there so that those who want to dig can dig, but if you don't poke around, it doesn't matter. You can take it at face value or take the book as having a number of layers."

For Bantock, who is experiencing a "strange déjà vu" as he prepares to tour *The Pharos Gate*, the books represent more than just romance. He sees the two characters, and the marriage of text and image, as his personal hero's journey, representing "an internal dialogue between my logical and intuitive self. I found they articulate my journey as a human being better than anything else."

Of course the world has

changed a lot in the 25 years since Griffin and Sabine first arrived, most obviously with social media and email replacing good old-fashioned letter writing. Bantock ultimately hopes the unique format and message behind *The Pharos Gate* will inspire a new generation of technology-obsessed readers to express themselves in more meaningful ways.

"I don't mean getting rid of the computer or playing ludite games," he says, "but if it can offer an alternative way of self-expression that encourages people to slow down at certain times of the day or the week, and articulate their ideas and feelings in a different way, then as far as I am concerned, the book will have succeeded."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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# Suzuki on turning 80 and 'alarmism'

## ENVIRONMENT

### Broadcaster reflects on battles lost, won, repeated

David Suzuki says he really isn't one for birthdays, but he's making an exception for his 80th.

The life of the noted scientist, activist and broadcaster will be celebrated with a special broadcast of CBC's *The Nature of Things* on Thursday.

Reached by phone in Vancouver, Suzuki traces his cavalier attitude about birthdays to his boyhood, when his family was among the thousands of Japanese Canadians forcibly moved to internment camps following attacks on Pearl Harbor.

"I realized that it all was in the roots of the Second World War when we were shipped out of Vancouver into camps and we had nothing with us," Suzuki says. "I kind of grew up without thinking a great deal about birthdays."

But the 80th is special, he concedes. "It's really funny. 50 was no big deal, (same with) 60, 70. But 80, you've got to realize, 'My God, you really are old.' There's no getting away from it!"

Suzuki chatted with *The Canadian Press* about celebrating milestones, recognizing failures and maintaining hope for the future.

#### Happy birthday! What will you be doing Thursday?

We're all going to our cabin on an island where we don't have a TV set and we're going to go to our neighbours' to watch the show.

#### I get the sense that family is paramount for you. You can't help but wonder what



David Suzuki in October 2012. Suzuki says he isn't really one for birthdays, but he'll make an exception for his 80th.

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the world will be like when your grandchildren are 80. Well, yeah, I've just come back yesterday from two weeks in Australia and we snorkelled on the Great Barrier Reef, which I always do when I go to Australia, and it was devastating this time. I first dove on the reef in 1989 and what I see now is a shadow of what it once was. It's devastating.

You talk about looking to the future, it's very, very depressing.

**You talk about looking to the future, it's very, very depressing. We've got to get off our ass, the world is in bad shape.**

People often refer to you as **alarmist**.

You're damn right. I don't know why this is supposed to be a bad word but, yes, I am an alarmist. I am raising the alarm and saying — especially now as an elder — I remember what the world was like when I was a boy.

And yes it's true, our lives are immeasurably easier to live ... and we can be very, very impressed with those things but at the same time, my grandchildren can't go fishing where I did when I was a boy, and the Barrier Reef is a mess and much of the forest of British Colum-

bia has been invaded and cut down.

**You've said the environmental movement has failed.**

A lot of the victories that we thought we celebrated, certainly I did — stopping dams and stopping drilling and stopping supertankers — well, 30, 35 years later, the same problems have returned. We stopped Site C, the dam on the Peace River 35 years ago, we stopped

it. But now (B.C. Premier) Christy (Clark) is going ahead and building it ... And we stopped supertankers that were going to come down the B.C. coast from Alaska but now we're proposing to let supertankers start right off on the B.C. coast with things like pipelines. So what the hell has happened?

**It sounds like the target has to shift, then.**

We have to look at the world in a different way. And this is the real crisis, I think is that we somehow feel that we no longer live as part of nature. Because 85 per cent of Canadians live in big cities. And in a big city you think, "Well, my most important thing is my job, I need a job to earn money to buy my food and live in a house and all that." And so the economy becomes our highest priority and we forget that if you don't breathe air for three minutes you're dead.

**Now we have a new prime minister.**

We have a new prime minister but he's got 10 years of no action to catch up on, more than 10 years because the previous government talked but didn't do much.

**What's been your biggest achievement?**

My proudest achievement is my children who I feel are very decent Canadians and they've worked hard all their lives and they're all environmentalists. I'm very, very proud of my children.

In terms of recognition, I guess to me one of the most delightful and satisfying things was becoming a companion of the Order of Canada. I can't imagine a higher honour from Canadians than that. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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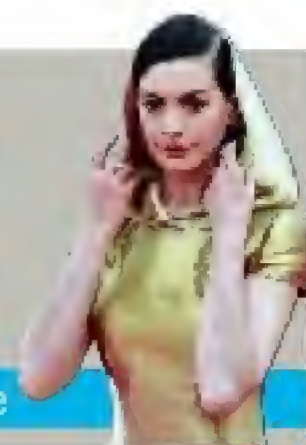
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MEET THE CONDO

## Essential living in the southwest

ESSENCE AT WINDERMERE SOUTH



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### Project overview

Offering luxury-adult condo living plus soon-to-come townhomes for families, downsizers and anyone in between, The Essence at Windermere South has a little something for everyone. The hard-to-beat, amenities-rich neighbourhood, with easy access to all points in the city make it a desirable property.

### Housing amenities

Located on Windermere Pond, The Essence features spacious suites, heated underground parking, large, private balconies and designer colour packages. Standard features in the gourmet kitchens include built-in pantries, stainless-steel appliances and laminate countertops. Buyers will also like the spa-inspired bathrooms, with soaker tubs and walk-in showers.

### Location and transit

The bustling southwest offers vehicle traffic commuting to work and school via the Henday or Hwy 2 (Gateway Blvd./Calgary Trail). An existing LRT is accessible via Terwillegar Dr., while future LRT will be even closer at the planned Heritage Valley Town Centre.

### In the neighbourhood

All levels of school, (present and future), plus shopping (Terwillegar or nearby South Edmonton Common), community/recreation centres, a library and golf courses make the southwest a hub for families of all sizes. The Currents are also near the Essence, with Walmart, Home Depot and other retailers on board.

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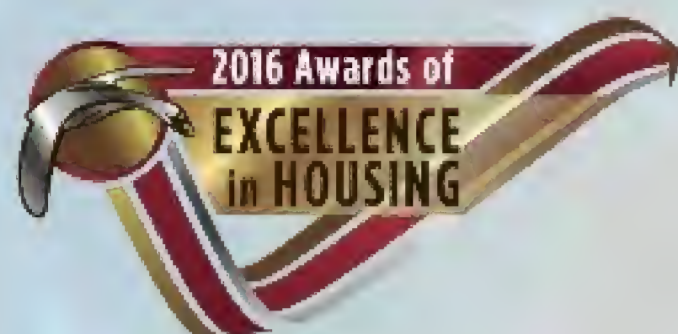
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# metro SPORTS

New York Yankees DH Alex Rodriguez says he will retire after the 2017 season, when he will be 42

## New Carey curling dynasty

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Chelsea gaining ground on famous father Dan

Dan Carey doesn't want to talk about himself anymore.

He just wants to speak about his daughter Chelsea Carey, who's Canada's skip at the women's curling world championship in Swift Current, Sask. Winnipeg's Dan Carey, who won a Brier with Manitoba to become Canada's men's national champion in 1992, wants her to have the spotlight all to herself.

"I'm to the point where 'that's enough about me,' she's the one who's doing it," said Dan on Wednesday afternoon in the concourse at Credit Union i-Plex where he's watched all of Chelsea's games at the tournament. "I helped like any other parent would help. I accommodated her passion for the game."

"What she's done with it this year is mostly her."

Chelsea won the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on Feb. 28 with her Calgary-based rink after moving to Alberta two years ago. Before that, she led Manitoba to a bronze in 2014. This year's national championship entered her

### + ON THE ICE

Chelsea Carey fell to 6-2 on Wednesday after an 8-7 afternoon loss to South Korea.

Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of Carey's evening draw against Finland.

into the worlds, which Canada has not won since 2008.

Although Dan doesn't want to take credit for Chelsea's considerable accomplishments, his 31-year-old daughter says he's an inspiration.

"Unless you've got a few hours I don't even think I can begin to explain it. He's the reason that I started curling," said Chelsea on Tuesday. "I watched him win the Brier in 1992, grew up following him around to every curling club there was and wearing out his curling tapes. He coached me for my whole life until right now. He still is coaching me personally."

"I wouldn't be here without him, I wouldn't be half the player I am or half the person I am without him."

Dan says that watching his daughter compete and represent Canada is "awesome," and that when she's asked for it he's given her some simple advice.



Canada skip Chelsey Carey, left, looks on as Korean skip Ji Sun Kim lines up a shot.

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"Just enjoy it. You're living the dream," said Dan. "It gets overwhelming. You've got tricky ice conditions, you're in the hunt, you're wearing the Maple Leaf, you've got everyone cheering you on. That Maple Leaf can get pretty heavy. You add all that up and it gets really fatiguing."

That mental battle is something that the elder Carey tries to keep in perspective for Chelsea.

"You get tired and you start to lose a little bit of perspective when you're not making shots and people aren't making shots, it's pretty easy to get off kilter a little bit so I'm just trying to remind her 'you're living the dream.'"

Regardless of Canada's results at the world championship, Dan is proud of the woman his daughter has become. He says that, as a father, it's Chelsea's character that he loves more than her performance on the ice.

"She's very classy with the other team, she lifts her broom when they make their shots. Curlers' etiquette she has to the umpteenth degree," said a beaming Dan.

Although they're very close, Dan and Chelsea do disagree on one thing: who the more accomplished curler is.

Dan believes his daughter has done more in her young career, while Chelsea points to her father's long track re-

cord of success.

"If I win here then he is right and I would take that," said Chelsea. "He went to three Briers, made two finals and won one, so I feel like I'd have to make the Scotties next year to be the same or win this world championship, so we'll see how it goes."

Dan's hoping that she becomes a world champion because then it would be a win-win situation.

"I think she's done more in the game already than I ever did and she thinks I have," said Dan. "But I've never won a world championship, if she does that, I win the argument."

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### IN BRIEF

#### Raps slip up at Celtics but still clinch playoff berth

The Toronto Raptors have secured a spot in the NBA playoffs with a little help from the New York Knicks. The Raptors clinched a berth in the post-season on Wednesday night after the Chicago Bulls dropped a 115-107 decision to New York.

Toronto, which fell 91-79 to Boston Wednesday, is on pace to claim its third straight Atlantic Division title with a 48-22 record. The Raptors are just one victory away from tying the franchise's single-season record for wins, which was set last year.

Toronto has been one of the hottest teams in the league in the second half of the season, winning 17 of its last 19 games at Air Canada Centre to run its home record to 28-8.

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#### Triumph for Greszczyszyn

Dave Greszczyszyn slid to his third consecutive men's national skeleton title, while Elisabeth Vathje captured her first on Wednesday at the Whistler Sliding Centre.

The 36-year-old Greszczyszyn of Brampton, Ont. posted a combined time one minute 49.02 on the 16-corner Olympic Track.

In the women's race, Calgary's Vathje put a golden stamp on a challenging season by winning her first Canadian Championship crown.

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# Tulowitzki escapes with rap on knuckles

MLB

## Star shortstop just day-to-day after being hit by Mets' Colon

Toronto shortstop Troy Tulowitzki left in the fourth inning of the Blue Jays' 3-1 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday after being hit on the right hand by a pitch from Bartolo Colon.

Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said Tulowitzki was struck on the knuckles and will have X-rays. Gibbons said the Blue Jays think the injury isn't major. "It's swollen a little bit and he cut it up a little bit, too," Gibbons said. "It's a sensitive area, hands and all that. Hopefully it's nothing."

The club later confirmed that the shortstop — acquired from the Rockies during the hectic trade deadline splash by then GM Alex Anthopoulos last term — had avoided serious injury.

"Bone bruise to right hand on knuckles. X-ray came back



Troy Tulowitzki grimaces after being hit in Wednesday's game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

negative and he is listed as day-to-day," was the update from the club's Twitter account.

Toronto slugger Jose Bautista was a late scratch due to neck stiffness, a move Gibbons said was precautionary.

Coming off a start Friday against Washington in which he allowed eight runs over five innings, Colon limited the Blue Jays to three hits — including two by Darrell Ceciliani — over six scoreless innings.

Toronto's Aaron Sanchez, bidding to be the fifth starter, scat-

tered four hits in 6-1/3 shutout innings. He has given up three earned runs in 19-2/3 innings and five appearances.

"They both get ground balls all day long," Gibbons said of Colon and Sanchez.

Colon had six strikeouts, while Sanchez picked up four. Neither had a walk.

Gibbons said DH-1B Edwin Encarnacion, dealing with an oblique issue for two weeks, is getting better. He could soon get at-bats in a minor league game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## + STRO' THE MAN

Marcus Stroman will start for the Blue Jays in the American League opener at Tampa Bay on April 3.

Manager John Gibbons made the expected announcement Wednesday.

Gibbons also didn't rule out Stroman starting the home opener on April 8 against Boston.

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NHL

## Islanders snap skid with win over Sens

Brock Nelson and Matt Martin scored 21 seconds apart in the second period and the New York Islanders beat the Ottawa Senators 3-1 Wednesday night to snap a season-high four-game losing streak.

John Tavares also scored in the Islanders' three-goal second period and rookie goalie Jean-Francois Berube, making just his fourth career start, stopped 22 shots.

New York, holding the first wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference, got a needed victory in its playoff push after going 1-4-2 in its previous seven games while getting outscored 22-11.

The Islanders pulled within one point of Pittsburgh for third place in the Metropolitan Division and moved four points ahead of Philadelphia and Detroit, who are tied for the East's second and final wild card position.

Mark Stone scored and Andrew Hammond finished with 20 saves for Ottawa, which lost



John Tavares

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its second straight after winning three of four.

The Senators were 0-for-1 on the power play and have not scored in 28 chances over their past 11 games.

Stone spoiled Berube's shut-out bid at 6:21 of the third period as he took a pass from Erik Karlsson on a 2-on-1 break and scored on a backhand. It was Karlsson's NHL-leading 62nd assist and he is fourth in the NHL with 75 points.

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## IN BRIEF

### Riders sign RB Walter

The Saskatchewan Roughriders signed Canadian running back Matt Walter on Thursday.

The five-foot-10, 215-pound Walter spent the last four seasons with the Calgary Stampeders. He played in 59 career regular-season games — 14 being starts — and rushed for 1,264 yards on 237 carries (5.3-yard average) with four TDs.

Walter, 26, a Calgary native, added 28 catches for 217 yards. He also appeared in eight playoff games, helping the Stampeders win the 2014 Grey Cup.

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### Day suffers back woes

Jason Day overcame an early deficit to win his opening match in the Dell Match Play. Now he has to overcome a bad back.

Day was reaching for his back for a few holes until he grabbed it after a tee shot on the 16th hole and then dropped to one knee as he closed out Graeme McDowell, 3 and 2. Day headed straight for the trailer to get it worked on.

At least he has one victory. Rickie Fowler rallied from 3 down on the back nine at Austin Country Club to square his match, only for Jason Dufner to win the next two holes in a 2-and-1 victory.

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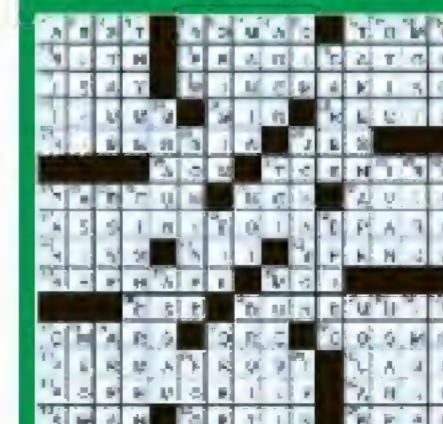
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### Ingredients

- 1 carrot, grated or slice
- 1/2 English cucumber, grated
- 1/2 avocado, sliced
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup light cream cheese
- 4 slices of whole grain bread

### Directions

**1.** Begin by grating your carrot and grating or slicing cucumber into bowls. Now halve

your avocado. Gently slice it in the shell and turn the slices out onto a plate. Sprinkle the slices with lemon juice to keep them from browning

**2.** Now it's time to assemble. Place four slices of bread down on a clean cutting board. Load two with cream cheese to your desired thickness

**3.** Sprinkle your desired amount of carrot and cucumber over the cheese and gently press it into the bread using the back of a wooden spoon or your hand.

**4.** Arrange a few slices of avocado on the remaining two pieces of bread. Pair up your avocado halves with the cheese halves and serve.

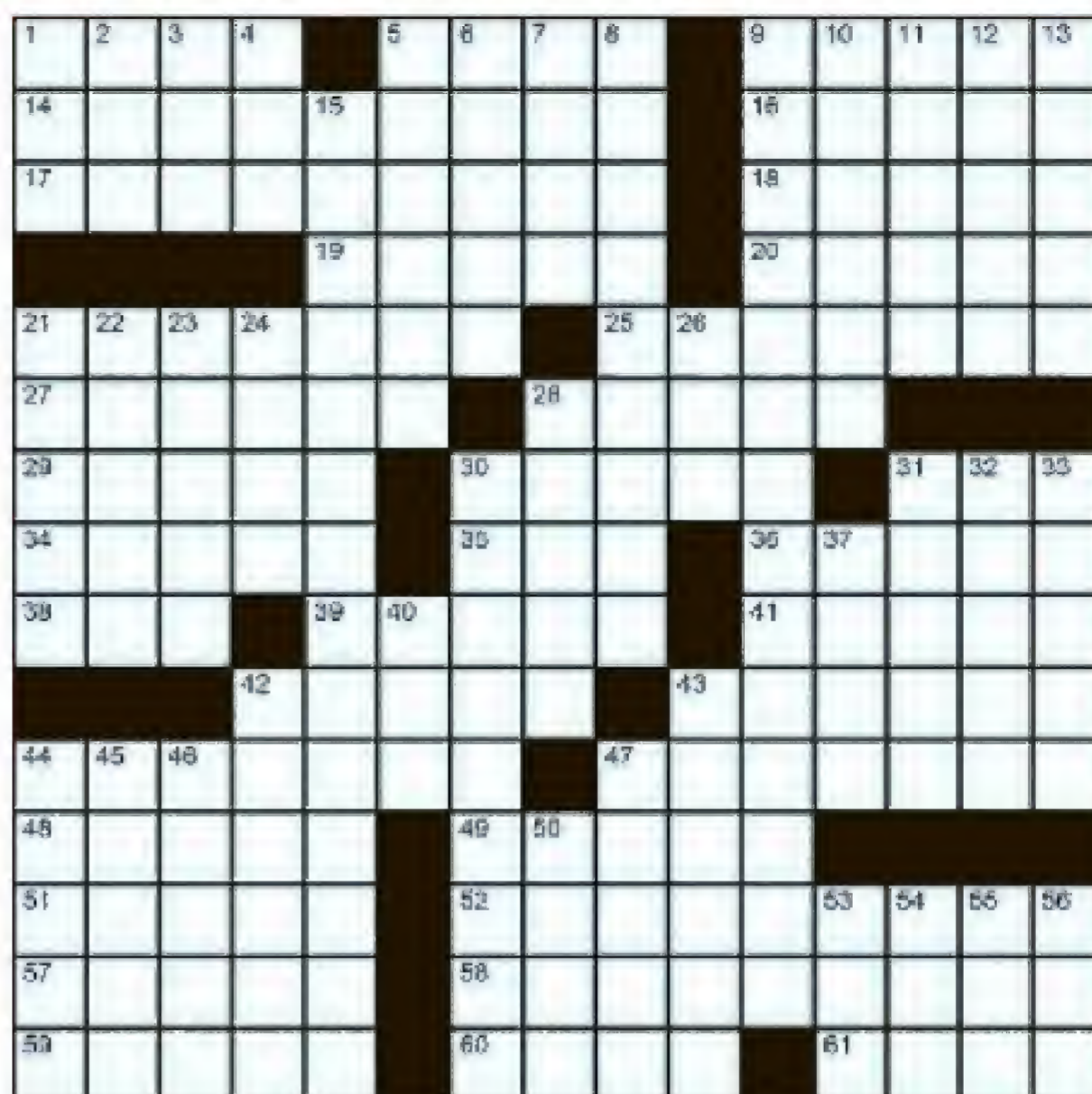
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### ACROSS

1. Guzzle the Guinness
5. Light rain
9. Perilous precipitation
14. Basket or box
16. Writer, Oscar (b.1854 - d.1900)
17. Nova Scotia's provincial tree: 2 wds.
18. Mirror's mirroring
19. Rigatoni or macaroni
20. George Harrison played it on "Norwegian Wood"
21. Lodging, in Lyon
25. "Automatic": 1984 hit for The Pointer
27. Person sitting for the sketching artist, say
28. Easter story betrayer
29. Like porridge bits
30. Hurting more
31. Purpose
34. Sanctified, olde-style
35. "Faster!"
36. Thanks, in Rimouski
38. Tee's alphabetical predecessor
39. Golf club types
41. Talks and talks [var. sp.]
42. Hightails it
43. Concurs
44. The Easter Bunny's savings: 2 wds.
47. Metal castings factory
48. Optical layers
49. "That '70s Show" star Ms. Prepon
51. Mr. Carradine of Madonna's music video



- "Material Girl"
52. Commonwealth country
  57. Tedium
  58. Dedicated/dependable
  59. Super slope-y
  60. Landscaping rolls
  61. Variety

### DOWN

1. "Born on the Bayou" band, briefly
2. Uprooter of small weeds
3. And, in Munich
4. Initials-sharers of Sulu's portrayer on "Star Trek"
5. Oasis, to someone

6. Operating: 2 wds.
7. Splinter group
8. Chests contents at sea
9. The Pope's protection: 3 wds.
10. Restricts
11. Raise the spirits with joy

12. For Better or For Worse dog
13. Readying-for-play golfers
15. Set-in-Quebec movie of 1974, "The \_\_\_ of Duddy Kravitz"
21. .pdf files program, \_\_\_ Acrobat
22. Russian moun-

- tain chain
23. Kathy of "Mystery" (1990)
24. Rearing ruminants
26. 'Fluor' suffix
28. Connects
30. Whisky holder in the bar: 2 wds.
31. Bowled, like a rainbow
32. One who finds things yucky, perhaps
33. Ms. Gold of "Benson"
37. Net dollars
40. Dusting cloth
42. Museum's marble man
43. Major blood arteries
44. Informally uses the microwave
45. Incident
46. Sight from the Eiffel Tower
47. Melded
50. Delivery to the dealership
53. Situated at the ship's stern
54. Do some of a mason's work
55. To-the-Internet connection, for short
56. Finished the food

## \*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You have strong ideas about politics, religion and racial issues today, and you want to express them. This could cause a problem with a friend or partner.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Behind-the-scenes research reveals how you can get funds or assistance. Nevertheless, be prepared for interruptions to your work day. Computer crashes, canceled meetings and staff shortages are examples.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You can convince anyone of anything today because your mind is alert and energetic! Parents should be vigilant about potential accidents for their kids.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
This is a great day to talk to bosses and authority figures because they will be impressed with you. Nevertheless, this could upset someone at home or in your family.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
This is an accident-prone day. Your daily routine will be interrupted — you can count on this. Allow extra time so that you have wiggle room to deal with things.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Keep an eye on your money today, because you might find money or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss or theft. Be leery of someone who sweet talks a deal.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
A close friend or partner might surprise you today. One thing is certain: Conversations will be dynamic and productive! Expect fast action.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You will impress work colleagues today, because your mind is in over-drive and you see everything clearly. (This also will help you to cope with unexpected interruptions on the job.)

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Be vigilant, as this is an accident-prone day for your kids. However, this also is a creative day for those who work in the arts and an active day for those in sports.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Family discussions will be dynamic today. You will want to give your two cents' worth. Stay light on your feet, because it's a fast-changing day!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Your daily routine will change today because of cancelled meetings, minor accidents and surprises. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Fortunately, you're on top of things!

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
This is a strong day for business and commerce. You will persuade others to agree with you. However, something unexpected will catch you off-guard, so be prepared.

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